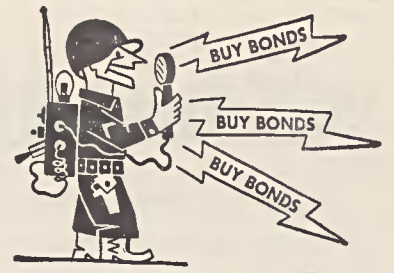


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Mars Hill Wins Eight Forensic Championships

1944-1945 B. S. U. COUNCIL



Pictured above is the B.S.U. Council that will be installed in the near future. They are left to right: (standing) Walton Connelly, president; Betty Crouch, Y.W.A. president; Connie Peterson, second vice president; Talmage Smith, Ministerial Conference representative; Clyde McLeod, town representative; James Taylor, Sunday School superintendent; (seated) Howie Bingham, recording secretary; Carl Westmoreland, Y.T.C. president; D. T. Carown, treasurer; Ronald Hill, B.T.U. director. We regret that Louise Harris, first vice president; Mary Sue Middleton, corresponding secretary; and Beth Jones, Volunteer Band representative, were unable to be in the above photograph.

B.S.U. Retreat To Be Held At Mars Hill

The old and new B.S.U. Councils of Mars Hill college will hold their Pre-retreat Retreat on Sunday, April 16. This will be a period of local instruction at which time each new member taking his office. These discussions will be of practical help concerning the duties of the Council.

The annual Western Spring Retreat, which is usually held in Ridgecrest, North Carolina, is scheduled to be held this year at Mars Hill. It will begin on April 21 at 7:30 p. m. and continue till Sunday after the morning church service. At this time representatives from nine colleges other than Mars Hill will be the guests here. They are as follows: Bowman Grey, Baptist Hospital School of Nursing, Lenoir Rhyne, Catawba, Queens College, Wingate, Gardner Webb, Brevard, W. C. T. C.

The Mars Hill Council members will be excused from classes to attend the Conferences. These conferences will be held by groups of the officers from the Councils of different colleges. Mr. Dick Howerton will preside over the Retreat.

Tonight's Program

Tonight's movie is "Bombardier," a picture full of excitement and thrills for everyone. The ever popular Pat O'Brien and the ever lovely Ann Sheridan is starring.

When we asked Mr. Stringfield if there were any other actors in it, he said, "That's a boy and a girl. What more do you want?" He also said that he hoped the machines would be in good working conditions.

We don't mind a few breaks. It gives us a chance to see who's with whom and to catch up on campus news bits. We try to make the best of every situation in which we find ourselves.

Chapel Schedule

- Monday, April 17: Dr. Blackwell.
- Tuesday, April 18: B.S.U.
- Wednesday, April 19: Music.
- Thursday, April 20: Dr. Moore.
- Friday, April 21: Mr. Kendall.
- Monday, April 24: Mr. Stringfield.
- Tuesday, April 25: B.S.U.
- Wednesday, April 26: Music.
- Thursday, April 27: Dr. Blackwell.
- Friday, April 28: Forensics.

Dr. Blackwell To Attend College Conference

Dr. Blackwell will be the Mars Hill representative at the Church Related College Conference which will meet at the O. Henry Hotel, Greensboro, N. C. April 18-19.

Visitors

Ned Austin breezed into Mars Hill last week for his second visit of the year. He has been "playing" around Appalachian State Teachers College during the past six months, but he wants to get back to the "Hill" for serious work.

Gwendola Pierce and Ruby Thompson spent part of their spring holidays at their Alma Mater. They are making creditable records at Woman's College this year.

Pvt. Frank Huffman came onto the campus last Wednesday wearing a ribbon for a year's good conduct in the army. He is a student in the Army Air Corps Administration School, Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The Jones twins, looking as much alike as ever—except more so—since they are in uniforms, spent several days visiting their "Eu" brothers and seeing the campus in general.

Debate Teams Win From Senior Colleges

Seven States Send Representatives

Eight student representatives brilliantly upheld Mars Hill's already firmly established Grand Eastern forensic record. This year the Grand Eastern Forensic Tournament was held in Charlotte on April 6-7-8 under the sponsorship of Winthrop College of Rock Hill, S. C. Mars Hill brought back more than one-third of the Grand Eastern Championships, winning eight of the twenty-one that were awarded.

Mars Hill, one of two junior colleges participating, won these championships from a group made up largely of representatives from senior colleges and universities. The eight Mars Hill contestants were Winifred Hollowell, Lillian Miller, Florence Gordon, Nina Guard, Harold Spangler, Charles Taylor, Carl Westmoreland, and Earl Vaughan.

The eight Grand Eastern Championships won were these:

Grand Champion After Dinner Speaker for Girls: Florence Gordon.

Grand Champion After Dinner Speaker for Boys: Charles Taylor.

Grand Champion in Declamation for Girls: Florence Gordon.

Grand Champion in Declamation for Boys: Harold Spangler.

Grand Champion in Extempore for Girls: Nina Guard.

Grand Champion in Response to Occasion for Girls: Florence Gordon.

Grand Champion in Oratory for Girls: Florence Gordon.

Champion Girl Debaters: Nina Guard and Lillian Miller

In addition to winning the championships in these divisions, Mars Hill contestants won a number of first places in various contest rounds, entitling the winner to participation in the finals. First places won were these: Charles Taylor, round one of after dinner speaking; Florence Gordon, rounds one and two of after dinner speaking; Harold Spangler, round one of declamation; Florence Gordon, round one extempore; Nina Guard, round two extempore; Earl Vaughan, round two oratory; Florence Gordon, round one oratory; Earl Vaughan, round two of response to occasion.

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With The Alumni

Easter brought as visitors the campus a number of alumni from the class of '43, including Virginia McCleney who is working in Wilmington, Jackie Spainhour who is employed in the Wachovia Bank in Winston - Salem, Margaret Herndon who is with the North Carolina Education Commission in Raleigh, and Doris Meekins who is attending George Peabody College in Nashville.

With the U. S. Coast Artillery is Captain Henry Lee Bridges, a graduate of '29. After leaving Mars Hill, Captain Bridges studied law at Wake Forest and then practiced law in Greensboro for several years before entering the service.

Recently promoted from lieutenant to captain, C. J. Miller, a pilot of a B-25 bomber, has been awarded the Purple Heart medal. Captain Miller, who received wounds when his plane was shot down on a combat mission, is now able to return to combat service.

Sergeant Rex L. Hayes, a graduate of '41, has been reported missing in action since Feb. 25. Sgt. Hayes, an engineer and top-turret gunner on a plane, had completed thirteen missions over enemy-occupied Europe and had received the Air-Medal. He enlisted in the air forces in April, 1942, and went overseas in November, 1943.

Mrs. E. M. Eggers, former-Miss Mildred Wright, of the class of '37 visited the campus a few days ago after completing a 1,200-mile trip from Kansas, where she told her husband good-bye. Lt. Eggers, a navigator on a B-29, is leaving for overseas duty; and Mrs. Eggers is returning to the Thomasville orphanage to continue her work as bookkeeper.

Wedding bells rang for the former Mars Hillians, Tommy Reece and Mary Frances Apperson, Saturday, April 8. Mr. Reece finished Mars Hill in '42 and Mrs. Reece, in '43. After serving six months as an assistant pastor at Elkins, N. C., Mr. Reece and his wife will attend the Southwestern Seminary.

Serving his country in an historic spot of the world is Sgt. John L. Williams, who attended Mars Hill in '30 and '31. Having been with the Army since 1942, S-Sgt. Williams is now serving in the Headquarters Detachment in the Persian Gulf Command, stationed at Teheran, Iran.

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