

Western B. S. U. Retreat Mars Hill's Guest

FORTY DELEGATES PRESENT

The Western B.S.U. Spring Retreat met at Mars Hill during the week-end of April 21-23. All colleges in Western North Carolina with organized Baptist Student Unions were included in this Retreat. The attendance was smaller than that anticipated. About forty students from the following colleges were our week-end guests: Gardner-Webb, Wingate, A. S. T. C., Lenoir-Rhyne, and the Nurses School at Winston-Salem.

The purpose of the Retreat was to provide a training period for newly elected B.S.U. council members. The local council members welcomed the visitors and conducted them to rooms in the dormitories where students acted as hosts or hostesses. Meals were served to the B.S.U. group in the annex of the dining hall or at the second sitting of meals.

The meeting began at 7:30 with a social directed by Nadine Paxton, Sunday School Superintendent of the retiring local council. The assembly in the church auditorium was opened by Calvin Knight, president of the state and Wake Forest B. S. U.'s presiding. Miss Jane Carroll, newly elected president at W.C.U.N.C. and also State Devotional Chairman conducted a period of worship at the opening of each assembly program. Dr. Hoyt Blackwell welcomed the visitors. Miss Cleo Mitchell, director of Religious Activities at Meredith College spoke to the group on "The Purpose and Work of B.S.U." A period of discussion closed the meeting in the church. Students ended their day by singing hymns around a bonfire in the amphitheater during a period of meditation directed by R. T. Howerton, state B.S.U. secretary.

Saturday at 8:45 nine groups of delegates met for Bible discussion. After a period of worship, conducted by Jane Carroll, the delegates were divided again into

twelve groups of officers. Miss Kathryn Abee led the conference for Y.W.A. representatives. The other conferences and leaders were: presidents, Miss Cleo Mitchell; first vice presidents; Harold Townsend of Duke; second vice presidents, Mrs. Dick Howerton; third vice presidents, Jane Carroll; secretary-treasurers, Florence Gordon; Sunday school representatives, Miss Mary Lee Ernest of E.C.T.C.; B.T.U. representatives, Calvin Knight, and magazine promoters, Frances Pope. The message of the day was "Workers With Christ," and the speaker made all who were from Mars Hill feel justly proud to say, "He is our own 'Daddy' Blackwell." One of the features of the morning's assembly was a demonstration council meeting by the A.S.T.C. council, presided over by June Ayers, former student of Mars Hill.

Saturday afternoon found some B.S.U.'ers climbing Bailey Mountain and others resting between tiresome Cascades for a picnic supper prepared by the college kitchen.

A feature of the closing meeting Saturday night was a student forum telling of summer work. Those taking part were: Jimmy Pegram, "We Plan to Do Summer Work"; Walton Connelly, "Summer School B.S.U."; June Ayers, "Pre-School Retreats"; and Florence Gordon, "Youth Revivals." Jane Carroll told about Quaker Work Camps in Georgia. Miss Mary Lee Ernest spoke on "What B.S.U. Means To Me." The entire group attended the play in the college auditorium.

Spring Retreats are annual affairs. The Eastern Retreat was held at Wake Forest the week-end prior to this one.

Dean Announces Medals To Be Presented To Seniors

The Dean's office announced this week that the following medals are to be awarded during the commencement exercises:

Quaid Medal. Continuing the gift made by her mother, who was at one time dietitian here, Mrs. J. E. Watts, of Itasca, Texas, offers a medal to the student making the greatest progress in American history during the year.

Scholarship - Character Medal. This medal is awarded to the second-year student who ranks highest in scholarship, character, and manners. For several years this medal was given by the late John A. Baxter, of Nashville, Tennessee.

Government Award. An unabridged Webster's Dictionary is offered by one of the trustees, W. R. Chambers, Marion, North Carolina, for the best paper written on some subject related to good government.

Bible Medal. Rev. L. R. O'Brian, of Asheboro, North Carolina, gives a medal to the person presenting the best paper on some Bible theme.

Debate Medal. Mrs. C. B. Mashburn, of Marshall, North Carolina, gives a medal each year to the best debater. Her husband, a loyal alumnus and trustee of the college, gave this medal for many years.

Diederick Medal for Orators. J. V. Erskine, of Weaverville, North Carolina, offers a medal in honor of his father-in-law, T. O. Diederick, to the young man winning the commencement oratorical contest.

Declaimer's Medal. C. R. Edney, Marshall, North Carolina, gives a medal to the young man winning the declamation contest of commencement.

Reading Medal. This medal is awarded to the young woman winning the readers' contest at commencement and is given by the college.

Essay Award. A silver loving cup is given to the two young women's societies. The society that wins the cup two years in succession gets to keep it permanently. This cup is given by Buren Jurney, a graduate of Mars Hill college.

Mrs. Livingston Wins Honors

Carolyn Lambeth Livingston, faculty member of the college department of music, was recently announced second place winner in two divisions of the 1944 contest for North Carolina composers.

Mrs. Livingston's song composition with piano accompaniment, "Death Is A White Swan," took second place in the song classification. Her piano solo, "Questioning," took second place in the piano classification.

Mrs. Livingston has for three previous years entered the amateur division of this contest for composers, held annually under the auspices of the North Carolina Federation of Music Clubs.

This year Mrs. Livingston's honors were won from the professional division, of which Dr. Howard Hanson, noted American conductor, composer, and educator, was judge.

May Day

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Loughby, and Mary Katherine Trevathan; music committee: Edwina Creech (chairman), and Sallie Ray Bowers; program committee: Frances Hancock (chairman), Evelyn Brookshire, and Florence Gordon; and in charge of the Maypole dance—Jane Lee.

B.S.U. Banquet

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"The Big Dipper," reply, by Prof. M. W. Kendall.

"The Dog Star," after dinner speech, by Ronald Hill, newly elected B.T.U. director.

"Venus," address to the new council, by outgoing B.S.U. president, Florence Gordon.

"Jupiter," reply, by Walton Connelly, new B.S.U. president.

"Glittering Stars," musical selections, by Evelyn and Clyde McLeod, town representatives.

"Saturn," introduction of the speaker of the evening, by Bruce McIver, outgoing vice-president.

"Pegasus," "star" address of the program, by Bill Farrar.

"Evening Star" musical conclusion by the group.

The group was fortunate in having Bill Farrar as guest speaker. Bill is a former Mars Hillian and council member. He is now a student at Wake Forest.

Miss Wengert's Drama Successfully Presented

On Saturday evening, April 22, the Mars Hill amateurs climaxed a successful presentation year with "Flowers and Dust," a three-act drama written and directed by Miss Bonnie Wengert, college director of drama.

This play is the second original play presented during the year, and is the first to be written and produced by a member of the faculty. It marks Miss Wengert's debut at Mars Hill as a playwright. This laudable drama is entirely worthy of being regarded as a climax for the year's calendar of both the public and private productions of the college Drama Society.

The cast included: Theodore F. Weston, II—Harold Shoemaker; Mrs. Theodore Weston, II (Fay)—Jean Webster; Theodore F. Weston, III—Johnny Davis; Mary Stuart; Mary Stuart; Kay Garrison; Lynda Haynes, Fay's illegitimate friend—Jane Lee; Mrs. Allbright, Fay's mother—Yvonne Lawing.

The three acts of the play took place in a small southern city in June, 1942. The theme was the unfashionable living room of the Weston home.

Those on the production staff were: Director, Bonnie Wengert; manager of stage, Isabel Noblett; manager of properties, Billie Wilson; prompter, June Skeen; stage settings executed by Clinton Harris; lights executed by Harold Shoemaker.

Marshals were Ora Lee, Martha Dean Dorsey, Jeanne Wall, and Lois Chandler.

Jewish Rabbi To Speak In Chapel

Rabbi Abraham Shusterman, of Baltimore, Md., a representative of the Jewish Chautauqua Society, is scheduled to speak in chapel on May 9, according to an announcement made in Cincinnati, headquarters of the Society. Rabbi Shusterman, who occupies the pulpit of the Bar Sinai Congregation in Baltimore, will speak on "Judaism and Freedom."

The Jewish Chautauqua Society, an educational organization, sends speakers to colleges and universities in all parts of the country to interpret Jewish history, literature and philosophy from a non-propagandistic point of view.

Visitors

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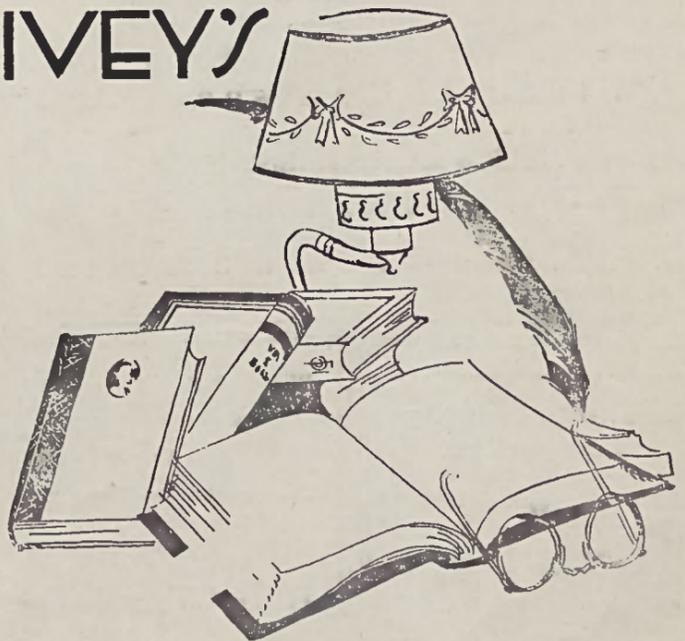
Several religious organizations. Mr. Bill Farrar, who was guest speaker at the B.S.U. Council Banquet, is now a junior at Wake Forest. Bill was a member of the council last year, and it surely seemed good to have him back.

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