

# ER GOODNIGHT SWEET PRINCE

If you enjoy absorbing biographies or if you have any interests in the stage and screen world, you will find **Good Night, Sweet Prince** by Gene Fowler the book you have been wanting to read. This biography of John Barrymore gives an excellent insight into an actor's failure and successes in private as well as a public life.

It seemed almost that acting was in the very blood of Barrymore. His grandmother, Mrs. John Drew, better known as Louisa Lane Drew, was an actress until her death at the age of seventy-two. For a number of years she was manager of the Arch Street Theatre in Philadelphia. Her daughter and John's mother, Georgianna Barrymore, was a beautiful and talented actress until death abruptly stopped her career. Maurice Barrymore, father of John, Ethel, and Lionel, was an Englishman by birth. He came to America because he longed to be an actor and his parents disapproved of his ambition. John fought against such inclinations—he preferred the life of an artist or a newspaper man, both professions which he attempted but failed to succeed in. He did continue his artistic sketches, however, for his own personal pleasure for all his life. After he finally decided that acting was the one thing he could do, he found difficulties because he was too careless with his work and too quick-tempered to please his employers. At a young age he was practically "down and out" when Ethel, who was a good actress already, persuaded a friend of hers to give him a chance. Edward Sheldon, the playwright, deserves much credit for encouraging Barrymore to make use of the real genius he possessed. John's portrayal of Hamlet, which he did hundreds of times, was one of his greatest successes. Arthur Hopkins said of it, "The unfolding pattern had

the unbelievable authenticity of a witnessed miracle. One forgot Barrymore's beauty and grace, his wit and eloquence. The unseen and unheard was being communicated. The theatre has known few moments so startling as Jack's (John's) opening-night reading of his first soliloquy. The new prince was entering his kingdom." Success was John's too when he went into motion pictures.

The fact that his father went insane before his death always haunted John. Could fate hold a similar situation for him? During some of his last years John Barrymore's memory did fail to respond properly and he lived in constant dread lest he be declared insane.

All of his life John Barrymore seemed to be searching for something which he never found. His happiness only came in fleeting instances and then material things provided that happiness. The habit of heavy drinking was a life-long one with this great actor. Four times he ventured upon the sea of matrimony and many other times he was involved in questionable affairs. He never kept records; he never had an evaluation of money. The reader cannot help wondering how much a person with John Barrymore's genius and personality could have meant to the world had he only backed these traits with reliable characteristics.

## Post-War Visions Topic For Discussion At Guild Meeting

"What We Can Do When the Boys Come Back" was the subject of the Homemakers Guild program on Monday night. Mari-belle Norton introduced this discussion which was led by Jerry Johnson, Faye Jenkins, and Marie Willoughby. An impromptu, "What That Guy Expects of Me When He Comes Back" was given by Oma Shaw.

Johnnie Davis was added to the membership committee of Guild. A social committee composed of Dorothy Lee Bunting, Pinky McLeod, and Betty Austin was appointed by the president. Nancy Hanna was welcomed as a new member before refreshments were served.

## Alumni Notes

Several former students visited on our campus this past weekend. Those who returned were:

Dorothy Jarvis of the Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, who is a member of the United States Cadet Nurse Corps.

Lucille Sawyer of Meredith college, Raleigh.

Sallie Rae Bowers also of Meredith college.

Polly Bell, a student of music at U.N.C.

Seaman First Class James Pegram of the United States Navy.

Polly Lytle of Asheville, who is a secretary in Bon Marche, Asheville.

Private Charles Taylor, until recently stationed at North Georgia College.

Margaret Chambers of Carson-Newman college, Jefferson City, Tennessee.

Carolyn Reed of The University of South Carolina.

## Students Lead

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students were in this way allowed to give an account of their personal Christian experiences.

Prayer meetings were held each night on the halls of all dormitories. The boys' prayer meeting on Wednesday night was dedicated to special prayer for the service. On Friday night both the Euthalian and Philomathian literary societies held prayer meetings before filing into the Church in a body. The Nonpareil and Clio societies also sat together on Thursday evening.

### Night Speakers

Sunday: Ronald Hill.  
Monday: Stuart Heideck.  
Tuesday: Talmage Smith.  
Wednesday: Lamar Brooke.  
Thursday: Ronald Hill.  
Friday: Tommy Stapleton.  
Saturday: Bobby Barnes.  
Sunday Morning: Walton Connolly.

### Chapel Speakers

Sunday Night: Dr. Blackwell.  
Monday: Mary Stone and Evelyn Pittman.  
Tuesday: Thomas Swann and Dot Lee Bunting.  
Wednesday: Baine Harris, Thelma Harley, and Genie Jo White.  
Thursday: Louise Harris and Beth Jones.  
Friday: Phyllis Rowe and Boyce Medlin.

### Watch Speakers

Sunday: Ed Dunlap.  
Monday: Gertrude Allard and Maribelle Norton.  
Tuesday: John Brinegar and Charles Peterson.  
Wednesday: Wilhelmina Rish and Neal Ellis.  
Thursday: Majanah Hagan and Mary Nichols.  
Friday: Linwood Lennon and Jane Wright.  
Saturday: Mary Sue Middleton and Mary Lela Sparks.  
Sunday: Howie Bingham and W. T. Lane.  
Vespers: Bessie Mae McManus.

## Das Deutsche Verein

A bombing raid over Germany was the featured entertainment of the social hour which the German Club enjoyed Tuesday evening, March 6.

In this game of skill, students learned about the geography and economics of modern Germany. A second contest was the making of lists of German words from the club name, **Das Deutsche Verein**. Mrs. Grady Souther, chorister, directed club members in the singing of four German folk songs.

Barbara Shope is the president of **Das Deutsche Verein**. Officers who serve with her include: Jerry Hobbs, vice president; Lois Betlam, secretary; and Bessie Mae McManus, treasurer. Dr. Erna Trammell is sponsor for the club, which is organized to supplement the spoken language.

## How Could You?

The press was going at top speed, and **The Hilltop** was coming from the press all folded and ready to be read. What a wonderful piece of literature for and by the students of Mars Hill! Little did it know what disillusionment was in store.

Promptly after **The Hilltop** reached the hands of the students, eyes eagerly searched the pages for news of interest—gossip, editorials, and sports writings. Moments later it was being put to entirely different use. Some students were packing to go home, and the best thing to use for wrapping shoes to keep them from soiling the clothes was a brand-new **Hilltop**. From one corner of the campus a group of students started off on a journey to the Cascades. Upon arriving at their destination they spread the table with good things to eat and **Hilltops**—the former used for food, the latter used for a tablecloth.

Since Mars Hill is the driest spot in North Carolina. A resident says: "If you stand still around here five minutes you'll mildew." Students are often caught unprepared when an occasional shower comes. **The Hill-**

## Army Defeats Hillians 40-35

Dropping an early lead in the third quarter, the Mars Hill basketball squad was defeated, 40 to 35, by the Asheville Army Redistribution Station team in McConnell gym Monday night. It was the Hillians' second loss of the season to the ARS quint.

Mars Hill was in front at half-time, 18-16. The lead see-sawed after the Mars Hill second string went into the game briefly. A late rally was touched off by Boyce Medlin after the soldiers had piled up a seven-point lead but was checked by the final whistle.

Medlin led Mars Hill scorers, chalking up 11 points. Edwards was a close second with 10 points. Lieut. Ed Denton, one of the leading cagemen in the southeast before he entered the Army, was held to 16 points. The lineup:

ARS (40)	Pos.	M. H. (35)
Reily (10)	f	(6) Landers
Burns (8)	f	(10) Edwards
Steele (4)	c	(1) Medlin
Todora	g	(4) Keeter
Litman (2)	g	(4) Duck

top was seen parading around on top of a girl's head to keep her from having to roll up her hair before nightfall. The rain was washing away the carefully composed articles, and the printers ink was dripping down her back.

The **Hilltop** reached its lowest depths at one of the boys' dormitories. Our wonderful **Hilltop** that the staff sweated over, burned the midnight oil to finish before the deadline, was being used to start a fire! Students, how could you desecrate the paper so? How could you? How could you?

## When The Occasion Calls For Flowers

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