

The Hilltop And Its Editors

The first issue of *The Hilltop*, literary publication of Mars Hill college, appeared September 25, 1926. Prior to this the campus publication was known as *The Laurel*, with the senior issue serving as the annual. Many campuses were introducing college newspapers, and it was decided that Mars Hill college should have one also.

The Laurel was to remain as the college annual, and it was imperative that a name be selected for the new literary publication. A contest was held and a prize offered for the best title submitted. It is understood that Mrs. O. E. Roberts, a faculty member, suggested the name, *The Hilltop*; but a student, not knowing of Mrs. Robert's suggestion, submitted the same title and received credit for it.

J. P. Huskins of Burnsville was elected as the first editor of the new *Hilltop*. Mr. B. M. Canup, now head of the business department and assistant bursar of Mars Hill college, was the first business manager of *The Hilltop*; later he served as editor of *The Laurel*.

The Hilltop was published bi-weekly by the students of the college. During the time that an academy was connected with the college, it became customary for the students of the academy to publish one issue of the paper in the early spring. It was from this custom that the C-I publication first originated. It became necessary, at one time, to publish an issue in the summer due to the Asheville Merchant Association's refusal of advertisements unless the paper was published for twelve months.

For the past three years, one issue of *The Hilltop* has been devoted to the creative literary efforts of the students. This issue is published in the spring, and appears in magazine form, not the customary four page newspaper.

Aside from the actual history of the newspaper, it is interesting to note the various editors of *The Hilltop* and their accomplishments since leaving the Hill.

John P. Huskins, who served as co-editor with Mary Carter for the first year of *The Hilltop's* publication (1926-27), continued his career in journalism at the University of North Carolina. After graduation there he secured a position with the *Greensboro Daily News*, later becoming city editor of that publication. He is now serving in the army, possibly in connection with public relations work. Miss Carter, now married, also completed her education at the University of North Carolina. At present she is teaching math at Chinquapin. J. Glen Travis (1927-28) also graduated from the University of North Carolina. He is now married and lives in the western part of the United States.

Carl Meares (1928-29) is a successful business man at Fair Bluff. He was also business manager of *The Laurel*. Mr. Meares has made many valuable gifts to the college.

W. C. (Bill) Capel (1929-30) studied journalism at Washington and Lee University, later studying in France and at Columbia University. He later received his Ph.D. at Duke University. He is now teaching in a Georgia college.

J. Nelson Jarrett ((1930-31) is now a lawyer. S. Marion Justice (1931-32) holds a responsible position with the State Department of Education in North Carolina.

Falk Johnson (1932-33) received his A.B. degree at Wake Forest, where he did a considerable amount of writing. He taught at Campbell College and later at Mars Hill, where he was a faculty adviser for *The Hilltop*. He went to Northwestern University, work-