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JUNIORS FETE SENIORS AT ANNUAL BANQUET

Mars Hillians Win Fourteen Grand Championships

Tournament In Charlotte; Ten Senior Colleges Are In Competition

Eight student representatives to The Grand Eastern Forensic Tournament, sponsored by Winthrop college, Rock Hill, S. C., won fourteen grand championships out of a total of twenty-four that were awarded.

Mars Hill, the only junior college represented in the tournament, competed against ten senior colleges and universities with representatives from seven states. The eight Mars Hill contestants were: Mary Stone, Evelyn Brookshire, Mary Lela Sparks, Lillian Miller, Lamar Brooks, Thomas Swann, James Taylor and Ronald Hill.

The fourteen Grand Eastern Championships were these:

- Grand Champion in Declamation for Women: Mary Stone.
- Grand Champion in Declamation for Men: Lamar Brooks.
- Grand Champion in Extempore for Women: Lillian Miller.
- Grand Champion in Extempore for Men: James Taylor.
- Grand Champion in Oration for Women: Mary Lela Sparks.
- Grand Champion in Oration for Men: James Taylor.
- Grand Champion in Response Occasion for Women: Evelyn Brookshire.
- Grand Champion in Address Reading for Men: Ronald Hill.
- Grand Champion in Impromptu for Women: Evelyn Brookshire.
- Grand Champion in Situation for Women: Evelyn Brookshire.
- Grand Champion in Poetry Reading for Women: Lillian Miller.
- Grand Champion in Dramatic Reading for Women: Mary Stone.
- Grand Champion in Book Review for Men: Lamar Brooks.
- Grand Champion in After Dinner for Women: Lillian Miller.

In addition to winning championships in these divisions Mars Hill contestants won a number of places in various contests, entitling the winner to participate in the finals.

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'LAUREL' HAS GONE TO PRESS

This week-end Frances Hobson, editor-in-chief of *The Laurel*, and Jo Ellis, photography editor, have gone to Charlotte to proof-read the annual. All of the pictures and other materials for *The Laurel* have gone to the engraver and printer. The editors hope *The Laurel* will come out before the end of the present school term. If publication is delayed, however, the individual copies of *The Laurel* will be mailed out to each student as they were this year.

Treasure Island Is Theme; Lamar Brooks, Master Of Ceremonies

All hands were on deck tonight as the "Sea Won" Class welcomed the "Sea Two's" aboard the Pirate Ship "M. H. C.", the occasion being the traditional college, junior-senior banquet.

A "Crew" of more than seven hundred passed by "Treasure Island" in the dining hall annex on their way into the main room which was transferred into a ship, portholes, and all. Nautical mural paintings, life preservers, parrots, and monkeys covered the walls, and candles and lanterns illuminated the entire room. Behind the speaker's stand hung a huge map of Treasure Island, showing the route which led to the hidden treasure.

At the "Poop Deck", "Piper" Lamar Brooks acted as master of ceremonies and introduced Walton Connelly who led the invocation. "Captain" Tommy Stapleton, president of CI class saluted the CII's, and "Skipper" Thomas Swann, president of the CII's, returned the salute.

The search for the treasure began with "Shipmates" Dub Lane, Seth Lippard, John McLeod, and Tommy Stapleton, singing sea chanteys.

"Deck Officer" Vernon Wood retorted to "Walking the Plank" by "Two Gobs." Steve Horne and John Mauney, with "Hanging from the Yardar," were followed by "Echoes" by "Mermaids" Betty Rae Carter, Lou Ella Hoots, and Jean Ray. After "Advice from The Gold Braid" (Admiral Blackwell), the crew sang the Alma Mater.

When the "Pirates" had finished serving the meal, the final lap of the treasure hunt led to

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Orchestra Presents Spring Concert

Mrs. Robinson Directs; Forrester Snider Accompanies

The Mars Hill College Orchestra, under the direction of Mrs. Douglas Robinson, presented a concert of varied music in the college auditorium Thursday night, April 12, at eight o'clock.

The program opened with the Star Spangled Banner played softly as the audience stood silently with bowed heads in tribute to the late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Other selections on the program were as follows: "Overture—Selections from Tannhauser," Wagner; "Adoration," Borowski; "Liebesfreud," Kreisler; "In the Clock Store," Orth; "Moon Dawn," Friml; "An Irish Lullaby," Shannon; "When the Swallows Come Back to Capistrano," Rene; "Anchors Aweigh," Charles Zimmerman; "Song of the Marines," Duben and Warren; "Army Air Corps song," Crawford.

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Pictured above are the newly elected members of the B.S.U. Council. Reading left to right they are: Front row: Hilda Mayo, Nell Hunter, Genie Jo White, Phyllis Ann Gentry, Ed Dunlap. Second row: Tommy Stapleton, Neal Ellis, Seth Lippard, W. T. Lane, Lamar Brooks, Bobby Barnes, Roy Ryan.

Dramateers Get Highest Rating

Miss Wengert's Group Gives Three Plays

Mars Hill College Dramateers won the highest rating for the presentation of *The Giant's Stair* at the 22nd dramatic festival held at the University of North Carolina April 13. This was the only junior college play to receive such a rating. All plays were rated highest or given honorable mention. One of the dramatic instructors at the university commended very highly the skillful handling of the middle aged characters played by Jane Wright and Norma Minges. The production was given Friday afternoon at a program with four other junior college plays.

Furlough by Clyde M. McLeod was presented Friday night to a house so crowded that tickets were sold for standing room only. The author received the author's award which was an autographed copy of Samuel Selden's *The Stage in Action*.

Without Legal Procedure by Cornelia Vann, which was considered the best written play at the district festival in Asheville last month, received honorable mention at Chapel Hill, and the author received the author's award.

Saturday night Samuel Selden, head of the dramatic department, presided at the Playmakers Theatre and President Frank Graham presented the certificates of achievement and the author's awards. The Carolina Playmakers presented an original play which had been chosen as the best of a number of experimental plays submitted by the Playmakers of the University.

Thirteen Mars Hill college students and their director attended the festival in Chapel Hill. They gave three of the twenty-six plays selected from forty-two groups in North Carolina. The Mars Hill representatives were Clyde McLeod, Norma Minges, Cornelia

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B.S.U. COUNCIL NAMED

Senior Day Is Observed

In keeping with a Mars Hill tradition, today was Senior Day, an official holiday for the members of the C-II Class.

Thomas Swann, class president, directed the activities, which included a hike over Mount Bailey in the morning and a picnic lunch at the Cascades. After lunch, the Class Will and Class Prophecy were read.

Virginia Perry, secretary, and Jean Brooks, treasurer, assisted with the class day program.

Dr. Blackwell Leads Roosevelt Memorial

A memorial service in honor of the late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt was conducted by Dr. Blackwell during the chapel hour Monday.

The immortal words from the gospel of St. John: "Perfect love casteth out fear" were the basis of the commemorative exercise. Exalting the Christian character of the late President, Dr. Blackwell challenged the students to live in a manner worthy of the inspiration of Roosevelt's life.

"How Firm a Foundation," the late President's favorite hymn, was sung by the student body. A quartet composed of Ronald Hill, Tommy Stapleton, John Brinegar, and Neal Ellis sang "Lead, Kindly Light." Other music featured on the program included "America the Beautiful," and "Our God, Our Help."

Previous services dedicated to the memory of the late President included a memorial period in the church Saturday afternoon and two student watch services on Saturday.

Tommy Stapleton To Be Head

Tommy Stapleton of Charlotte has been elected president of the B.S.U. for the 1944-'45 session. He, together with other members of the newly-chosen Council, will be inducted into office at a special installation service in chapel Tuesday, April 24.

Tommy has been outstanding in campus activities this year. He has served as president of the C-I Class, has been an honor student, and has sung solo parts in a number of college music programs.

Other officers who will serve with him will include: Lamar Brooks, of Edison, Georgia, first vice-president; W. T. Lane, Greer, South Carolina, second vice-president; Phyllis Ann Gentry, Richmond, Virginia, third vice-president; Bobby Barnes, Charlotte, treasurer; Genie Jo White, Henderson, recording secretary; Nell Hunter, Raleigh, corresponding secretary.

Additional Council members are: Ed Dunlap, Sumter, South Carolina, Sunday School Superintendent; Neal Ellis, San Antonio, Texas, B.T.U. director; Hilda Mayo, Rocky Mount, Y.W.A. president; Roy Ryan, North Augusta, South Carolina, ministerial conference representative; and Seth Lippard, Mars Hill, town representative.

The Y.T.C. representative to the Council had not been elected as the HILLTOP went to press.

The B.S.U. Council is the most important campus organization. It directs, not only religious activities, but also student government and religious life. Walton Connelly is the outgoing president of the B.S.U. Dr. Ella J. Pierce and Miss Mildred L. Bingham are the advisers for the group. Other members of the Religious Life and Training Committee of the faculty also serve in an advisory capacity.

Outstanding activities of the

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