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Ave Atque Vale

"And so farewell . . ." Footnote number one quotes the Victorian Tennyson and expresses for **The Hilltop** editors the accuracy of the situation. For an entire school term we've listened with interest to your ideas and suggestions. We've taken pleasure in your student activities and gloried in your triumphs. It is now to you that we leave the determination of Alexander the Great—he wanted more worlds to conquer; remember? — but transfer your ambitions to making Mars Hill college an even lovelier place than we have known.

To the seniors we would say, next year is a realm beyond our knowledge. Here we've grown accustomed to being C-II's; honors and offices have been distributed while the freshmen looked on—for a time—then began to achieve success. "It may be that gulfs will wash us down," *Ibid.*, Alfred—and we will have to strive much harder than we have here. It may well be an excellent test for your speaking talent, our writing ability or our musical interests. Keep your Mars Hill spirit of determination and friendliness. Let's remember to be humble and sincere—they go together.

And so we say, it's been an enjoyable year with delightful people. Your co-operation and your interest have helped up greatly. We'll remember stimulating individuals as we look back and say, "time was . . ." L. M.

From The Clustered Rhododendron

As this session of school draws to a close, we look back over our two years at Mars Hill and try to relate our accomplishments. Those of us who have been studious will find that we have gained considerable knowledge while those of us who have not been particularly ambitious will find that our realm of knowledge is not so great. But there are some qualities which Mars Hill bestows on every one of her students that can never be measured in terms of academic achievement.

There is a spirit of friendliness prevalent on our campus that is seldom found elsewhere. This spirit is similar to that which exists in a family group. Some of these friendships which we have made here will remain with us forever. Many of us will leave Mars Hill with a deepened spiritual life and with a more profound respect and reverence for Christianity. Mars Hill bestows on us a quest for simple culture, combined with Christianity, and all of the ideals of the college are directed to this one purpose.

Many of us will continue our training at higher institutions. The conditions around us will be greatly changed; we will more or less be on our own. Great temptations will face us, but if we place the ideals instilled in us at Mars Hill ahead we will be victorious.

Simply by continuing and developing the life of Christian culture we have learned here, we may give the outside world a picture of our Alma Mater as we know her. Only by so doing can we, in any measure, make payment on our indebtedness to Mars Hill. —B. C.

Schubert's Serenade

From the general reaction of the students, the Schubert program given in chapel Wednesday in celebration of National Music Week, was one of the most outstanding of the year. We wish to recognize Mrs. Elizabeth Souther, voice teacher and director of the glee club, for the splendid way in which the program was presented. The chapel programs, on a whole, have been exceptionally good this year. The women on our faculty have proved themselves equally as good orators as the men. In addition to the innovation of women speakers, the chapel programs have in other ways appealed to a wider variety of tastes this year.

Societies Select We Congratulate

No places on the campus mean more to the students than the halls of Black and Gold and of Blue and White. Therefore, the announcement of the new leaders of the four societies is always an event of importance. As four of the outstanding campus figures, we extend our congratulations to the new presidents: Jean Walker, of Winston-Salem, Clio; Pat Lancaster, of Cantalia, Nonpareil; W. T. Lane, Greer, S. C., Euthalia; and Ed Dunlap, Sumter, S. C., Philomathia.

Other officers who will serve with these are: Clio: Vice-President, Geraldine Saville; Secretary, Ann Bruner; Censor, Lou Ella Hoots. Nonpareil: Vice-President, Cornelia Vann; Secretary, Patsy Southerland; Censor, Mary Lib Pugh. Euthalia: Vice-President, Hubert Humphrey; Secretary, Linwood Lennon; Censor, Livingston Green. Philomathia: Vice-President, Lamar Brooks; Secretary, Seth Lippard; Censor, Ed Landers.

As these new officers approach the desk, we remind them that their responsibilities are heavy, but if they are true to the trust they have received, their satisfaction will be equally great.

Merry Making In May

As the commencement season approaches, social events keep springing up until they are as thick under foot as violets in springtime. Almost every sunny afternoon a laughing group of students, waving bulky paper bags of food and flourishing bottles of soft drinks, pass on their way to the Cascades for picnic.

Recent jovial occasions about which we've heard include the all-day trip to Asheville which the Business Club made. Members of the club visited leading business houses, received souvenir copies of the Asheville *Citizen*, lunched at the S. & W., and had some free time for shopping.

At a buffet supper in the court of Edna Moore and New Dorm, the Scriblerus Club entertained a campus group of seventy-five. A pageant, "A Spirit of Beauty Walks the Hill," written by Dr. Ella J. Pierce, was the feature of the evening.

Lieutenant-Colonel Alexander Brown, who has just returned from the European war theatre, was guest speaker at the Annual International Relations Club banquet. The San Francisco Confer-

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Candy Canes For Son

Peppermint stick candy is the substitute being offered by Professor M. H. Kendall for the traditional cigars handed out on such an occasion.

The occasion? The birth, on May 7, of eight-pound Mumphord Holland Kendall, III.

Caught for an interview in the short time between his Bible classes and his trips to Asheville to see mother and son, Mr. Kendall assured us that Mrs. Kendall and Holland (for so he is to be called) are doing fine. As we left Mr. Kendall, he was blissfully planning a fishing party for the men in his family.



Pictured above are the C-II class officers. Reading left to right they are: Frances Stuart, vice-president; Mildred Freeman, treasurer; Jay Keeter, president; Doris Stone, secretary.

Declaimers Compete In Annual Contest

Winner To Be Named At Commencement

The winner of the annual declamation contest held April 28, 1945, will be announced and presented with a medal Thursday, May 24. This medal is given by Mr. C. R. Edney, of Marshall.

Three representatives from each of the two boys' societies gave readings. Representing the Euthalian Literary Society were: Franklin Hopkins, who gave "The Greater Man," by Grier D. Patterson; Max Schrum, "This War Is America's Vocation," by Irving McDonald; and "Bretton Woods," by Leo M. Cherne, given by Lynwood Lennon. Those representing the Philomathian Literary Society were: Tertius Stough, who gave "In Memoriam," by James Taylor; James Ruffin, who gave "The Work - Peace," by Franklin Delano Roosevelt; and "Ambition," by Jerome K. Jerome, rendered by Elmer Johnson.

Mary Grey Helton played a piano solo, "Tarentelle," by Dennee; Baine Harris sang "Where E're You Walk," by Handel; and Rose Moody Roberston played "Sprites of the Glen," by Dennee.

Ronald Hill, Philomathian president, presided, and Stuart Heideck was secretary.

Flanner Crowned

(Continued from Page 1) the school colors, blue and gold. Train bearers were Albert Blackwell and Carol Kendall. The little boys in the May Court wore white linen suits, and the little girls wore white organdy dresses with matching bonnets.

Following the processional, the May pole was wound by the following students, who presented the traditional folk dance: Betty Jane Wheeler, Johnnie Davis, Kay Lea Hoots, Anna Lois Thompson, Earline Harris, Cornelia Brauer, Louise Pickering, Gaye Burke, Martha Ann Goodman, Miriam Smith, Catherine Grinstead, Betty Austin, Cleo White, Grace Irwin, Pat Rierson, Joyce Ward, Betty Robinson, Mary Frances Harris, Mary Lou Freeman, June Harvey, and Louise Beck.

An exhibition of tumbling was given by both boys' and girls' groups from the college gym classes. The girls' tumblers included: Cornelia Brauer, Zelma Burleson, Bettye Crouch, Jerry Hobbs, Jane Joyner, Claudia Odum, Christine Rollinson, Frances Shields, Beatrice Stark, Imogene Warth, Liza White, Margaret Gray, Georgia Brooks, Vernita Barnes, Betty Stinnet, and

Seeing C-II's

Charm is an attribute so easily applied to Jay Keeter that one can easily understand why the C-II's have chosen him to be their president next year. Perpetually as enthusiastic as a child on Christmas morning, Jay plays basketball, carries the mail and does a thousand other things around the campus with a zest that makes this reporter wonder if she's prematurely old. His friendliness, even on our friendly campus, is renowned. Very few people ever call him by his name, very few know that it is Walter. Each man may, according to Ernest Hemingway and John Donne, be he for whom the bell tolls, but Jay is he who does the tolling. His work as a basketball first stringer and as a B.T.U. vice-president this year testify to his well-rounded and capable nature. A native of Cramerton, Jay places his state in a realm far above the other forty-seven.

The way she pronounces "house" is like nothing heard in these hills before, but that does not keep Frances Stuart from being one of the most popular girls on the campus. Even though she lived with "them bums from Brooklyn" during grammar and high school days, her accent and her passion for sweet potatoes reveal her home town as Richmond, Va. An honor student, Frances is a member of the International Relations Club and president of the John Lake B.T.U.

Big brown eyes and winsome dimples make Doris Stone the kind of girl all our mothers wanted us to look like when we grew up. Doris lives in Asheville. (All of us regretted that she had to spend a month in bed over there this winter). Her versatility is shown in her activities which include those of a cheer leader, B.T.U. group captain, and Sunco School class secretary.

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Martha Ann Mauney.

Boys' tumblers were: Robert Dixon, Boyd Ayers, Howie Beam, Bill Elks, Ruddy Griffin, Ward Burts, Ray Cohn, Frank Miller, Charles Trammel, Kenneth Porter, Wiley Gouge, Berkley Ruiz.

Following the program of entertainment, Walton Connors crowned the lovely blooming Queen. Immediately after the Recessional began.

Despite cold weather, so many roads, and uncertain hours a large crowd packed the gymnasium to witness the coronation ceremony. The program was under the capable direction of Miss Anne Clayton, who was assisted by Mr. Ralph Ashworth and Mr. Harvey Lance, members of the Health and Athletics Committee.