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Fall Session Opens With Enrollment Of 738

February 1 To See Beginning of Work On 4 New Buildings

Program Of Expansion To Be Resumed Next Year

With the present enrollment at Mars Hill College, every place is so completely filled that every inch is deemed almost sacred. However, relief is expected shortly for victims of this congested area.

President Hoyt Blackwell has announced that the erection of four new buildings has been authorized by the buildings and grounds committee. This enlargement program, which should get under way by February 1, 1946, has contracts for two dormitories for men, one dormitory for women and a central dining hall, including a cafeteria. The construction of these buildings, which will cost an estimated three or four hundred thousand dollars, is part of a million dollar expansion program begun several years ago but interrupted by the war.

The entire campus will be landscaped, under tentative plans, and will include a long drive beginning at the home of President Blackwell. Two new entrances are planned tentatively.

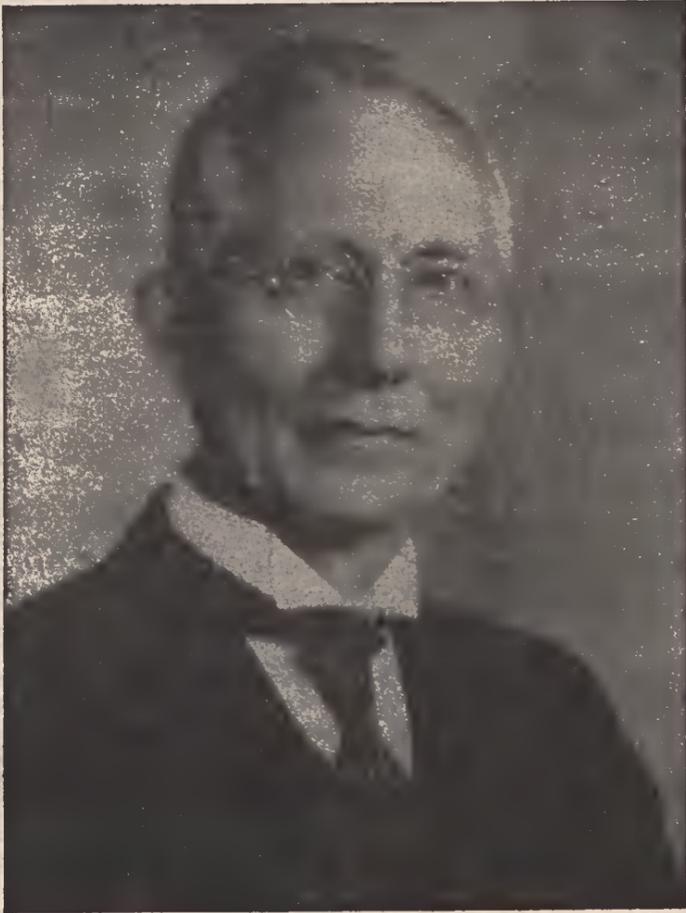
The college also has a vital need of a new library, auditorium, music building, church, and a central heating plant. Plans for these will be drawn up as soon as possible, according to a spokesman for the committee.

Plans now awaiting approval call for the conversion of the old
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Work Is Started On New Laurel; Staff Recently Completed

Preliminary plans for the 1945-1946 Laurel got under way early this week following the completion of the staff.

Mildred Leath was elected editor-in-chief at the close of the 1945 Spring semester and Raymond L. Wyatt assistant editor. Following are the other members of the staff: Mildred Freeman, business manager; Charles Harris, assistant business manager; Phoebe Duckworth, C-I editor; Irene Austin, photography editor; Betty Fay Trotter, assistant in photography; Mary Lela Sparks, literary editor; Louvene Jordan, feature editor; Livingston Green, sports editor; society editor, Ruth Knotts; Doris Johnson and Margie Williams, art editors; Lib Foster, snapshot editor; and Agnes Fleming, Kathleen Avery and Ann English, typists.



BEGINS FORTY-NINTH YEAR AT MARS HILL

Dr. R. L. Moore, who celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday September 8, is beginning his forty-ninth year as an active member of the Mars Hill administration staff. Dr. and Mrs. Moore observed their golden wedding anniversary on June 11 and received more than 200 visitors at their home on that day.

Activities Of Four B.S.U. Organizations Are Revamped By Executive Council

Under a streamlined program announced this week by President Tommy Stapleton, activities of at least four campus branches of the Baptist Student Union will be cut to a minimum to "provide for greater emphasis on the more outstanding phases of the B. S. U."

Stripped of many of their trappings will be the Youth Temperance Council, the Young Women's Auxiliary, the Volunteers for Christ, and to a lesser degree, the Training Union.

Broadly, the reorganization embraces these changes:

The Y. T. C. will function as a body instead of in groups, as heretofore. A one-hour meeting will be held on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p. m. in the college auditorium. Another Y.T.C. activity will be one chapel program a month.

Dormitory hall meetings of the Y.W.A. will continue but the general meeting is being wiped off the slate. Hall meetings will be sponsored.

The Volunteers for Christ is an outgrowth of the old Volunteer Band. Only students training for definite religious work, with the exception of those taking
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First Impressions

Now that it is over and we are in the swing of things, we list our impressions of those first days of orientation:

B. S. U. representatives in Asheville, directing, introducing and greeting new students.

Excited C-II's and bewildered C-I's arriving on the campus.

The Baptist Student Union and Training Union tables where B. S. U.ers tagged newcomers and patiently pecked out registration cards.

Campus "he men" lugging trunks and baggage up Edna Moore hill.

The confusion of unpacking—and no coathangers.

"Hey's" and "Hello's" distributed among everyone and frantic dashes to buses to meet best friends and ole ladies.

B. S. U. and society posters.

Monday morning sunrise service atop Little Mountain, led by Mr. McLeod.

First mail call.

C-I assemblies in the auditorium, first watch services, and vespers with Dr. Blackwell and Dr. Moore in charge.
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Mary Stringfield Wins Scholarship

Miss M a r y Stringfield, daughter of Professor and Mrs. P. C. Stringfield and instructor in violin and piano in the Mars Hill summer school, has been awarded the \$1,000 Kay K y s e r Scholarship in Music. She plans to re-enter the University of North Carolina early in November.

Miss Stringfield, a graduate of Mars Hill, received her Bachelor of Arts degree in music from the University in June. At Carolina, she was vice president of the Women's Glee Club, president of the orchestra, and a member of the Faculty String Ensemble. She played in the Piedmont Music Festival at Winston-Salem.

The award, made annually by the famous Tar Heel bandleader, is given on the basis of scholarship and musical ability.

Pre-School Retreat Started August 30; Attended By 20

The Baptist Student Union Executive Council met on the campus Thursday, August 30, to begin their pre-school retreat.

A brief fellowship hour on Thursday night opened the meetings. On Friday, after a period of dedication, Hilda Mayo, Ed Dunlap, Genie Jo White, and Lamar Brooks shared their summer experiences with the group. Tommy Stapleton, president, outlined the work of the retreat and led in setting the goals for the year. The Council then discussed fifty prospectus questions, after which they set up the calendar for the year's work.

After morning watch on Saturday, all participated in a round-table discussion on the following questions: What stand shall we take on extra-curricular activities? What shall we do about our relationship with the Mars Hill Baptist Church? What can we do to increase our missionary program? How can we improve the relationship with the community? The Rev. John R. Link then spoke to the group and
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Chapel Schedule

- September 17: Dr. Blackwell.
- September 18: B.S.U.
- September 19: Music Department.
- September 20:
- September 21: Dean Lee.
- September 24: Mr. McLeod.
- September 25: B.S.U.
- September 26: Music Department.
- September 27: Mr. Wood.
- September 28: Mr. DeShazo.

Male Registration Above That Of '44; 265 Seniors Return

New Students Number 473; Many On Waiting List

Enrollment of 738 students during Mars Hill's 89th consecutive fall registration last week—an increase of 30 over the registration for a similar period in 1944—has been reported by Registrar John W. Huff. Approximately one-third of the applicants for admission were refused because of lack of rooming space.

Signaling the slow return to peacetime basis, the Registrar's report disclosed that approximately 200 of the registrants are men, an increase over the figure for last year. Five of these are returned battle veterans.

Returning seniors number 265 and freshmen number 473.

In July, all available rooms had been taken and the names of 161 applicants—121 women and 40 men—had been placed on the waiting list. In addition, more than 100 were turned away outright. Mr. Huff expressed the belief that many others had not even applied because they knew it was useless.

Students began arriving on the campus on August 30. Registration started Wednesday and continued throughout last week. The first faculty meeting was held Monday night, September 3, and was followed by a reception in Edna Corpening Moore Dormitory. Classes started Friday morning and the first chapel of the semester was held Friday at noon.

Student and faculty turned out en masse for the annual Get Acquainted Party, held Saturday
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Ten New Members Added To Faculty

For the coming school term, Mars Hill has added many new members to its faculty and staff. These are W. A. Alford, Business; R. L. Garrett, Mathematics; Miss Virginia Hart, Physical Education for Young Women; Miss Ruby L. Hudson, Business; Miss Harriett Major, Business; Lester L. Marion, Biology; Miss Kitty Maxwell, Chemistry; Miss Vera Ruth, Hostess and Assistant to Dean Caroline Biggers; Miss Rachel Swann, Assistant in the Bursar's Office, Miss Eula Mae Young, Assistant in the Registrar's Office. Also, Ramon DeShazo has resumed his responsibilities as teacher in the English Department and as advisor to the Hill-top.