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B. T. U. Study Course Begins November 19

Twenty Classes Of 35 Each To Be Held

The annual B. T. U. study course will begin on November 19 and continue through the 23rd. Neal Ellis, Training Union director, announced. The course will include approximately twenty classes of thirty-five members.

There will be one change in the plans for the study course, an expected improvement over last year's arrangements. The classes, both teacher and title of the book to be discussed, will be posted. Under this there will be space for the exact membership of the classes. The first to sign will constitute the members of that class. There will be no first, second, and third choices as there were last year.

The books to be used in the courses are: **Worldliness Out; Bible Study; Prayer and Meditation; Sabbath Observance; Salvation; Pilgrim's Progress; Winning Others to Christ; Church Music; Christian Leadership; Baptist Young People's Union Administration.** Regular classes will be cut short, making the chapel period an hour long.

W. B. Huff Receives Posthumous Award Of Purple Heart

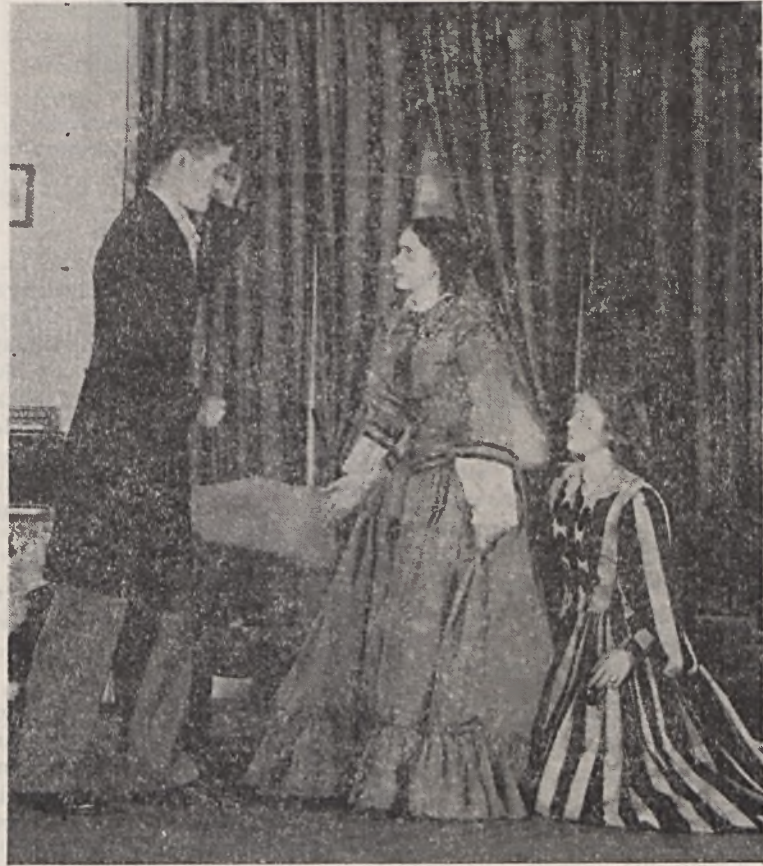
William Bramlett Huff, youngest son of Registrar John W. Huff and Mrs. Huff, has been posthumously awarded the Purple Heart for wounds he received in action at Okinawa. He previously received the Bronze Star award for bravery in the liberation of Leyte in the Philippines.

Bill, who would have been 22 November 19, was a private, first class. He attended Mars Hill college in 1941 and 1942 and studied agronomy at North Carolina State College in 1942-43. He enlisted in the Army in 1943 and was stationed at Fort Bragg. In 1944 he was transferred to Camp Pickett, Va., and that same year he went to the South Pacific with the 77th Division. He saw his first action on Guam in July, 1944. He went from Guam to Leyte in October, 1944.

Chapel Schedule

November 5: Dr. Blackwell.
November 6: B.S.U.
November 7: Music Department.
November 8: Mr. Kendall.
November 9: Dr. Pierce.
November 12: Y.W.A.
November 13: B.S.U.
November 14: Music Department.
November 15: Advisee Day.
November 16: Mr. McLeod.
November 19-23: *B. T. U. Study Course.

*Chapel begins at 11:30 a.m.



Audience Applauds First Production Of Dramateers In College Auditorium

The love-life of Elizabeth Barrett and Robert Browning unfolded before an appreciative, applauding audience last Saturday night as the Dramateers gave their first production of the year in the college auditorium, **The Barretts**, a three-act comedy by Marjorie Carleton. Miss Bonnie Wengert was director.

Heading the cast were Geraldine Saville, whose role as Elizabeth Barrett was possibly the most difficult of the play; Ed Long, as Robert Browning; and Charles Harris, as Mr. Barrett, the dictatorial father of Elizabeth.

Supporting Cast

Excellent supporting performances were given by Louise Beck, who played the role of Henrietta Barrett; Lee King, as George Barrett; Roy Fisher, as Octavius Barrett; Robert Hanes, as John Kenyon; Elon Myers, as Arabel Barrett; John McLeod, as Captain Surtes Cook; Cornelia Vann, as Miss Mitford; Norma Minges, as Wilson, Elizabeth's maid; and Dovie Tallent, as Milly, a maid. Both Miss Minges and Miss Vann are remembered by Seniors for their flawless performances last year.

The play ran smoothly, with a minimum of time elapsing between acts. The scenery was simple but effective. The feminine members of the cast were lavishly dressed in the full-skirted clothing of the period. That the male members of the cast wore makeshift costumes after their costumes failed to arrive from New York in time for the play was known only by those who were specifically told.

Concerning a Slip

Plays, like every other thing, have their moments. Near the end of the play, Elizabeth Barrett, (Continued on Page 2)

Brooks Elected Phi President

On Monday, October 22, at the meeting of the Philomathian Literary Society, Anniversary officers were elected. Lamar Brooks, Edison, Ga., was chosen president; Seth Lippard, Mars Hill, N. C., vice-president; Ed Dunlap, Supter, S. C., secretary; and Lyle Coffey, Waynesville, N. C., censor.

Rules Are Given For WCTU Contest

Through the generosity of the late Mrs. Ada Mohn-Landis of Reading, Pennsylvania, the National WCTU conducts annual prize-contests to obtain original material suitable for platform reading. The contest closes March 30, 1946.

Contestants may write upon any phase of the following theme: The Family is the Foundation of a Nation. Does total abstinence from beverage alcohol (which is a narcotic) contribute to the strength and well-being of an individual, a family, a nation?

Two types of manuscripts are desired: Senior declamations, to be used by adults and youths, and junior declamations, to be used by boys and girls under high-school age. In addition to the cash awards, honorable mention will be given to the best manuscripts in each class. Declamations may be prose or verse, stories or informal discussions.

Further information concerning this contest may be obtained from Mrs. Vann.

College Sends 83 Delegates To State B. S. U. Convention

Mars Hill sent 83 delegates to the annual state convention of the Baptist Student Union, which was held in Salisbury at the First Baptist church October 26-28. This was the largest representation from any one school. The theme of the convention was "Christ, My Imperative."

The convention opened on Friday evening with a "Bored Surgeons and Undertakers" banquet, which was held at St. John's Lutheran church because of insufficient facilities in the First Baptist church. The highlight of the banquet was a premature autopsy made by an eminent physician (Don Shropshire of the University of North Carolina). This took place in all its horror behind a curtain in silhouette fashion.

The keynote address, "Christ, My Imperative," was delivered on Friday evening by Rev. Warren T. Carr of Princeton, W. Va. His theme was that in this world of confusion and chaos Christ alone is sufficient.

Convention Program

Conference leaders and their conferences were as follows:

William H. Poteat, assistant director of the Y. M. C. A. at Chapel Hill, on the subject, "Christian Action Toward the New World Order";

Mrs. J. Winston Pearce of Durham, N. C., on "Building a Christian Home";

Dr. Ralph McClain, Head of Department of Religion of Meredith college, on "The Christian Fact and Modern Doubt";

Rev. R. A. Ellis, pastor of the First Baptist church of Salisbury, on the subject, "My Church and Today's Needs"; and,

Dr. Claud U. Broach, pastor of St. John's Baptist church in Charlotte, on "Attaining Spiritual Maturity."

Rev. Harry Y. Gamble, pastor of the First Baptist church of Statesville, delivered an address on the subject, "Christ, My Imperative for Deeper Christian living," on Saturday morning. Saturday afternoon Dr. Charles E. Maddry, Field Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, spoke on "The Missionary Imperative of Christ."

Students Speak

Students from various campuses spoke on BSU methods they had seen working. Luther Morphis, state devotional vice-president and former student at Mars Hill, closed each session with a devotional thought. Florence Gordon, state president and former Mars Hillian, presided over the sessions.

Notice!

All persons interested in forensics are asked to meet in **The Hilltop** room, in the English conference building, between suppers on November 6.

Preparations will be made for sending a forensic team to the Dixie Champions Forensic Tournament in Charlotte December 6-7 and a Forensic Club will be formed, according to Mr. Ramon DeShazo, forensic coach.

Band Cancels Its Statesville Trip

With the cancellation by President Truman of his projected visit to Statesville November 2, the college band's trip to the city that was to play host to a convention of North Carolina State Senators is off.

This is the official word from Band Director Roberts, after a week of uncertainty. The President cancelled his trip South because of pressing business matters that will keep him at the White House.

The band two weeks earlier had accepted an invitation to participate in the welcome planned for the President.

Kendall, Ensemble On Baptist Hour

M. H. Kendall, of the Bible Department, will deliver the address and an ensemble from the college glee club will sing on the North Carolina Baptist Hour program, originating in radio station WWNC, Asheville, tomorrow morning. The program begins at 8:30.

The vocal ensemble, directed by Mrs. Elizabeth Logan Souther, glee club director, will sing four selections, including two hymns—Faith of Our Fathers, which will open the program, and Lead On, O King Eternal, which will close the program.

Open House Held At New Dorm

Saturday, October 20, found the residents of New Dormitory putting their best foot forward as they entertained with open house.

The visitors were welcomed by Miss Evelyn Underwood and Mrs. Hattie Edwards, who presented them to the student receiving line. The guests were directed by the hostesses first to the game room and then to the various suites. Much originality and artistic loveliness was displayed in the decorations with the autumn motif predominant. After visiting the rooms, the guests were served refreshments in the parlor, where recorded music was played.