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## Chorus, Dramateers Combine for Pageant

### Christmas Parties

The Christmas spirit rang through the halls of the girls dormitories last night. The girls entertained the boys with parties in the individual dormitories. Each of the parlors was gaily decorated with trees, yule logs, and painted windows.

At New Dorm the suites were divided into groups and each group of suites had charge of a different phase of the party. They had games, songs, etc. At the height of the evening entertainment that grand old gentleman Santa Claus paid a visit to the party. Santa gave attractive little bags of candy to all.

Melrose was in there too with gagnes, impromptu, and a play. The play was entitled "The Greatest Gift." At the party the girls presented a gift to Mother Wells.

Brown Dorm used a novel idea for their party. The entertainment was in the form of a broadcast over station XMAS. The announcer was Santa Claus in the person of Pollyanna Gibbs. On the program were performing dolls, a play entitled "Crime Marches On." The characters for the play were a Burglar, Bonnie Jean Moore; a Gama Doll, Dorothy Campbell and Santa Claus. Last but not least was a mock wedding.

Spilman girls had a grand mood. To get everyone in the mood, they sang two carols; then Betty Sisk gave a humorous reading. Next on the program was some special piano music in the form of a medley of carols by Miss Martha Biggers and Edith Fout. Following this duet, Bess Rupelt gave a serious reading and Faye Pitner sang a solo. The most important item on the program was a scene of the manger and the birth of Christ while Mary Broome read a Christmas story. Then they sang more carols and the group were served refreshments while special music was

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### Two Mars Hill Teachers Honored

Two members of the Mars Hill College faculty have been elected officers of the junior college division of the Southern Business Education association, according to the report of the recent meeting of the association in Lexington, Kentucky.

B. M. Canup, head of the department of business and assistant bursar at the college, has been elected chairman of the junior college division, and W. A. Alford of the business department faculty has been elected vice-chairman.

The Southern Business Education Association includes in its membership teachers of business in universities, colleges, business colleges, and secondary schools of seventeen southern states. Mr. Canup was the first chairman of a junior college in the south to offer business education on the college level.

### Christmas Theme Used In Meetings Of Honor Clubs

The December meetings of the Honor clubs saw many interesting and varied programs dealing with the Christmas theme.

The International Relations club held its annual formal meeting in New Dormitory parlor. The theme of the program was "Christmas All Over the World," and the decorations were blended attractively with the rest of the program. Members of the club represented the peoples of the United Nations.

A play, "Unto Bethlehem," was given by members of the Scriblerus club in the Edna Moore Dormitory parlor. Carols were sung and the traditional Christmas story was read from Luke. Later an original Christmas story and a poem were read

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### Short Story: Under the Mistletoe; Or, Miss Garner Gets Kissed

Have you heard? Mars Hill is not now the place it once was. One of the members of our revered faculty has been kissed. Yes, we mean, literally, kissed. And by a ministerial student. Salvador Dali is not the only modernist the world has seen.

Last Tuesday night, if you care to hear the whole story, there was, as decoration, mistletoe hung about the parlor of Edna Moore Dorm. After the Scrib club program the members and some of the English faculty were discussing things pertaining only to the literary, we're sure, when

someone asked Miss Collie Garner to go stand under the mistletoe. Miss Garner, never thinking for a minute that anyone would, or could, break the six-inch rule, willingly obliged.

Then—the villain entered. Neal Ellis, long of leg and strong of heart, had slipped out the back way and around behind Miss Garner, who had her back to the door. There was a resounding "smack!"

No longer can one member of the English Department at Mars Hill college claim, "... sweet? —, and never been kissed."

### Tommy Stapleton Does Manuscript

The annual Christmas program, in the form of a Christmas pageant based on Handel's "Messiah," and written for Mars Hill College by Tommy Stapleton, was presented in the college auditorium Saturday night, December 15, by the music and expression departments combined.

The pageant was divided into three divisions: the Prophecy, the nativity, and the Eternal Light. The first scene took place in front of the temple with a background of greenery. It gave the prophecies the speakers representing the Hebrew people and the prophets were Pat Murphy, Bess Rupelt, Leta Shelby, Roy Fisher, and Geraldine Saville.

The nativity scene portrayed Mary and Joseph at the side of the manger, the shepherds gazing at the babe, and the three kings in the act of presenting their gifts to the babe. The story of the nativity was related by the chorus and soprano soloist. Those taking part in the nativity scene were Elton Myers, Harold Tribble, Edith Clark, Annie Laurie Pemble, Ruby Crayton, Pollyanna Gibbs, Edith Bell, Helen Starnes, Carolyn Halstead, Dovie Tallant, Nellie Sue Stinson, and Frances Woodle.

The third scene opened on a stage with a stained glass window in the center of the stage. A powerful spot light shone on the window. The background for the pantomime was a dramatic poem read from behind the scenery. This scene showed the spirit of Christ working in the hearts of men as people of all races and stations of life come into the light of the Messiah. In the finale, these men and women took their places in a semicircle on the stage, gazing at a light. In the fullness of its brilliance, they joined hands as the chorus sang the "Hallelujah" chorus. Those depicting the people of the various nations were Ed Long, Lamar Brooks, Lee King, Bobby Haines, Louise Beck, Thelma Deal, Bill Everhart, John Moore, Linda Coulter, Virginia Marshall, Mary Powell, Joyce Wheeler, Betty Boyette, Elaine Duckett, Marian Robinson, Mary Elizabeth Pugh, Hilda Beene, Dorothy Camel, Elizabeth Ponder, Sally Hudson, Peggy Ann Ammons, Patricia Robinson, Toni Carter, John Vance, and Grove Robinson.

The vocal music was taken from Handel's "Messiah." The accompanist for the Glee Club was Rose Moody Roberson. Between scenes, the Glee Club sang Christmas carols. Other musical Christmas music included Grieg's "Christmas Music" by the entire orchestra; "Let All Men Praise the Lord," by Cruger, and "Holy is the Lord," by Schubert, played by a string ensemble composed of

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### Rivermont Dorm Holds Fellowship

#### Interest Runs High In Training Union Contest

Rivermont Dormitory, under the sponsorship of the B.S.U. presented the first in a series of fellowship hours on Tuesday evening between suppers. The series of scenes (and screams) was entitled "In Memoriam." (The boys hope Rivermont will not be here next year.)

Dub Lane, second vice-president of the B.S.U., in charge of socials, said that was the type of fellowship he hoped to have every Tuesday evening. He also said that a "singspiration" will be held in Spilman each Sunday evening after church. This "singspiration" will be varied from time to time.

The B.S.U. has purchased an electric heater for use in the prayer room. "Now that we have a comfortable prayer room," said Phyllis Ann Gentry, vice-president in charge, "I hope the students will take advantage of their opportunity for a place of private prayer."

The attendance at Sunday School has increased. A group of students go around to the dormitories on Sunday morning and sing to those sleeping. This may in some measure account for the increase in Sunday School attendance.

According to Neal Ellis, director, interest is running high in the Training Union contest. Emphasis is being placed on better and varied programs. Ellis has gathered around him a corps of assistants to check on the different phases of Training Union work.

The Ministerial Conference put on a typical Conference meeting in chapel last Tuesday. The students, as a result, are much better acquainted with the activities of the ministers-to-be on our campus.

#### Training Union Officers Elected

Sunday night, September 9, B.T.U. presidents for the second semester were elected. Other officers were to be elected later.

The new presidents are: Peggy Nichols, Bykota; DeLauris Brock, Treas; Lynwood Lennon, I. X. L.; Lois Brantley, Howard Roper; (Continued on Page 2)

### Glee Club Sings At Service Hospitals

The Glee Club, composed of 104 members, has been busy this year preparing for three big events. The first two happenings were trips to Asheville to entertain convalescing soldiers and sailors.

On Monday night, December 10, fifty members sang at Moore General Hospital, and on Tuesday afternoon, December 11, the entire Glee Club presented a program at the Navy Convalescent Hospital in Asheville.

The third important activity of the Glee Club was the Christmas pageant. The Glee Club sang parts of the Messiah and Christmas carols. The Glee Club also plans to go Christmas caroling on Tuesday night, December 18.

### Phyllis Ann Gentry To Have Poem Published

Mars Hill College will be represented this year in the Annual Anthology of College Poetry published by the National Poetry Association, Los Angeles.

"Twilight", a poem by Phyllis Ann Gentry, literary editor of the Hilltop, has been accepted for publication.

The anthology is a compilation of the "finest poetry written by college men and women of America representing every State in the union," according to the association.

### Hilltop Receives National Award

The 1944-45 Hilltop has received an award from the Associated Collegiate Press. Last year's issues were rated second class. This is in the middle of the rating scale and is said to be "good."

### 5 Shopping Days Till Christmas

The Hilltop staff wishes to extend to the students and faculty best wishes for an enjoyable and happy holiday season.