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Coming Thru The Snow -The Great Exodus

Suppliers John Greenleaf Whittier and Irving Berlin shared the same opinion on Mars Hill's Ladder of Unpopularity December 18. "Sound" was a trifle too realistic to tickle even the "funny-bones, and dreams of "a white Christmas" nightmares overnight.

Started Tuesday morning, 8, at 9:30, 26 and 1-2 Mars Hill collegians have been freed for holidays. The weather for once hadn't got his hand, hinted darkly at a blizzard. After a consultation, the Administration decided to send the students their way homeward remained clear.

A few minutes after the end of the liberation, and their boyfriend began to gather around with hastily-packed bags of heartfelt thanks the early holiday. One observed calmly packing his suitcase on the path between Mars Hill and the church.

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"Just before the train was to leave more students returned, in the same wailing state. I had the train held up and sent the students to the depot."

But at five o'clock the bus station was still a milling bedlam of students, who had either missed the train or who couldn't get home via railway. They were rounded up and returned to school.

Mars Hill Tuesday night was not the most cheerful place in North Carolina. A few of the more enterprising students made up sledding parties. Many drowned their sorrows in hot soup and coffee at the cafe. Others went wearily to bed to await the dawn.

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New Girls' Dorm and Cafeteria Included In Building Program Approved by Board

Erection of a new dormitory for girls, conversion of the dining hall into a cafeteria, and construction of a faculty apartment house are part of an emergency building program announced last Saturday following a special session of the College Board of Trustees.

Construction of several small cottages for faculty members and enlargement of the sewage disposal plant are also included in the program, which will be a continuation of the one interrupted by the war.

The new program does not embrace the features of the long-range building plan announced by President Hoyt Blackwell in the December Quarterly, but is more of a temporary measure designed to meet an acute need for increased facilities on the campus.

The new buildings and improvements will be completed by the beginning of the 1946 fall semester, under present plans. Bids will be opened to contractors as soon as blueprints are submitted by Henry Gaines, Asheville architect. Actual work is scheduled to begin early in the spring, possibly in March.

With erection of a girls' dormitory near Edna Moore and New dorms, Brown and Melrose will go back to the men next year. These buildings were turned over to the girls when the draft cut male enrollment sharply.

There is a strong possibility that Spliman Dormitory will be entirely renovated and turned over to the men next year. Action on this proposal will depend on the increase in male enrollment. Town buildings now being used by men will remain in use next year.

Conversion of the Oscar E. Sams Dining Hall into a cafeteria will mean the elimination of second-shift meals. This will be a temporary measure and original plans for a new dining hall will be carried out.

At the call meeting last Saturday, the Board of Trustees passed unanimously the recommendations made by the Building Committee.

Attending the meeting in the Wall Science Building were Mrs. E. N. Carr, Hickory; W. T. Duckworth, Asheville; Mrs. Rush Stroup, Shelby; E. F. Watson, Spruce Pine; Julian A. Glazener, Brevard; John G. Carrier, Gastonia; Robert O. Huffman, Morganton; Mrs. C. M. Palmer, Albemarle; Roy Wall, Mars Hill; A. W. Whitehurst, Marshall; the Rev. J. B. Grice, Biltmore; the Rev. J. R. Owen, Asheville; Dr. Bruce Sams, Mars Hill; Dr. L. M. Caldwell, Newton.

Frank Jarvis, Spindale; Dr. Oscar R. Mangum, Lenoir; Grover H. Jones, High Point; Myron Gordon, Marion; Mrs. L. P. Frans, Hickory, all members of the Board of Trustees.

Also attending were Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, college president; Dean

Moral: Silence Is Golden When A Smile Suffices

Disillusioned students watched Miss Caroline Biggers, Dean of Woman and paragon of propriety, breakfasting with an elderly gentleman in an Asheville cafeteria the day Christmas holidays began.

Accosting Miss Biggers later at the bus station, the students chided her gently but firmly. The Dean admitted that the gentleman was not of her acquaintance, but assured the students:

"We did nothing, more than smile at each other during the meal."

Mars Hill Squad And State Group Clash in Debate

The Mars Hill Forensics team has had its first clash with another college. On Monday night, January 7, under adverse conditions, they had a direct clash debate with students from North Carolina State College.

The debate was carried on with split teams, some Mars Hill students and some State debaters on the affirmative and the same for the negative.

The query for the debate was as follows:

Resolved: That the foreign policy of the U. S. should be directed toward the establishment of free trade among the nations of the world.

Mr. Paget, the coach for State college, gave the instructions to the debaters and told the audience how the debate was to be carried on.

The affirmative was allowed six minutes for the first speech. Leon Mann was the first speaker for the affirmative. He gave what the affirmative considered basic issues and their definition of the query.

Next Gilbert Gray was given six minutes on the negative side for a constructive speech outlining that they considered the basic issues. The negative agreed with the affirmative on the definition.

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Plans Formulated For New Semester By Student Union

Plans for next semester's work of the Baptist Student Union have been laid. They include: an opening reception for second semester students in the form of an all-student social, Youth Revival, a Vocational Emphasis week, A Sunday School study course, a summer enlistment program, and a YWA study course.

"We are trying to get Dr. Bill Marshall, of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, to spend a week on the campus sometime in April," reports Tommy Stapleton, BSU president. "He will speak at the chapel periods and hold private conferences with students."

Under the sponsorship of the BSU, Mr. J. A. McLeod spoke last Tuesday in chapel on the necessity of strict honesty in college for a secure future.

The Ministerial Conference elected Lamar Brooks as its president at a recent meeting. He will be assisted by Roy Young, vice president, Norman Merrell, secretary, Bill Revis, reporter, and Tommy Stapleton, pianist. The Ministerial Conference had charge of the watch services last week. Those taking part included: Lamar Brooks, Ed Dunlap, Leonard Rollins, Roy Ryan, Wendell Witt, Boyd Sutton, Tom Capell, Lynwood Lennon, Norman Merrell, Joe Miller, and T. W. Nelson.

Jones Howell Ends Leave of Absence

Jones V. Howell is returning to the college as head of the mathematics department following a leave of absence during which he served as a lieutenant in the Navy.

Mr. Howell, whose wife is head of the home economics department, received his B.S. from Carson-Newman college, his M.A. from the University of North Carolina, and has also studied at Asheville Teachers college and Wake Forest-Meredith Summer School.

Chapel Schedule

- January 24: Dr. Blackwell.
- January 25: Mr. McLeod.
- January 28: Y.W.A.
- January 29: B.S.U.
- January 30: Music Department.
- January 31: Mr. Wood.

Rules Are Announced For May Day Event

The Health and Athletics Committee has drawn up the following resolutions concerning the crowning of the May Queen:

That the queen and maid of honor be of the sophomore class; that there be a court of ten attendants, five of which are to be elected from the sophomore class and five from the junior class; that every member of the court must have demonstrated herself as possessing the characteristics of honesty, cleanliness, a wholesome personality and school loyalty; that every member of the court be on the first or second honor roll; that the position of queen carry with it four honor points and the position of attendant two honor points; and that candidates for positions in the court be elected by simple majority.

M.A. from the University of Mississippi.

A going away dinner was held for Miss Russell recently. Pen-nants from various schools gave the room a collegiate look. Place cards were megaphones decorated with Duke stickers. Other guests were Miss Underwood, Mrs. Watson, Dr. Pierce, Dr. Trammell, and Miss Garner.

King Returns Assistant Dean

B. King, assistant professor of history, resumed his duties at the college week after an absence of a half, which he spent at Chapel Hill working on a rate.

King has been commended by the State to write on Selective Service, and plans to use as his

received his A.B. from Mercer University, his M.A. from Peabody college, and has done his work at the University of North Carolina and at Carolina.

Duke Co-Eds: Mattie Russell

Mattie Russell, after being a Mars Hill College faculty member and a half year, is returning to college. She leaves Mars Hill on January 25 to enter Duke University, where she will do her work in history. Her plan is to study for a year, then return toward a doctorate, and return to Mars Hill. Miss Russell received her B.A. and