

Construction of New Dormitory Officially Started

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President Blackwell Breaks Earth; Asheville Firm Awarded Contract

Construction of the new dormitory to be added to Edna Moore and New dormitories officially began Saturday noon, March 9, when President Hoyt Blackwell broke the earth, resuming the building program which was inaugurated in 1936. The ceremony, witnessed by a large number of faculty members and students, began with a hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers," and a prayer led by Professor Vernon Wood.

The new dormitory has been contracted for by Robinson Brothers, of Asheville, with a guaranteed bid of \$174,000. Excavation was started Monday morning, March 11. It will be joined with what is now New dormitory by a large archway, and will be from three to five stories high. It will house 180 girls, and as yet no name for the building has been selected.

Almost six acres of land behind the dormitory site, including the A. E. Carter and the Lynn Carter houses, have been purchased by the college. This property is to be converted into a recreational area for the girls of the three dormitories, but work on it will not begin until the completion of the new dorm. The two houses on the property are to be renovated and used as faculty homes. Original plans to put the proposed faculty apartment house, to be named for R. F. Jarrett, on the Edwards site east of Edna Moore dormitory, facing the main highway, have been canceled. No further arrangements, other than that the house is to be situated on the campus, have been made, nor has the contract been put up for bids. There are to be fourteen apartments in the house, ranging from one to three rooms, according to present plans.

Plans for a new dining hall are still in the tentative stages. The system now used in serving meals is to be continued indefinitely. A new building, to be ready for use by September, 1948, will probably be started within the year.

B.S.U. Plans For Election Next Month

Plans for the annual election of officers of the Baptist Student Union are now being made. The election will be held the first week in April. The qualifications for the candidates for the council are (BSU constitution, Art. IV—Officers):

"Each candidate for any of the religious organizations shall be a person who maintains a reasonably high standard of scholarship, that is, passing a required amount of college work, the minimum being fourteen semester hours. In addition to the qualifications each candidate for the presidency of the Baptist Student Union must be of Baptist faith and must have earned a minimum of 30 quality points during the preceding semester.

"He must be one whose mode of Christian living is exemplary, who is worthy of the trust which is his, and efficient enough to discharge the duties of that office for which he is nominated. He must be in full accord with the ideals of the College."

As a result of Youth Revival, several other students have found that their life work lies in the religious field. Most of these joined either the Vounteers for Christ or the Ministerial Conference at their joint meeting Thursday, March 7. The program of the joint meeting included a series of testimonies led by Mr. Wood and a study of the mission program of the two organizations.

The IXL union is still leading the entire Training Union in its contest. The contest is centered around a desire to encourage faithfulness and diligence on the part of all the members. Included in the aim is a definite effort to enroll new members. Director Neal Ellis announced last Sunday evening that plans are in the making for a joint social for all the unions.

Chorus to Sing At Johnson City

An invitation from the East Tennessee State College, Johnson City, Tennessee, has been received by Mrs. Elizabeth Logan Souther, requesting the presence of the Mars Hill College Chorus at All College Night, a concert to be held on Friday night, April 26.

The majority of the Mars Hill chorus, including both boys and girls, will sing in the concert, according to present plans. The concert is to be non-competitive and free to the public. The Mars Hill Chorus will sing a group of selections alone and then join in two numbers with a mass chorus composed of choruses from various colleges in Virginia, Tennessee, and North Carolina.

Virginia Dawson, chaplain; Francis Stuart, chorister; Margaret Wilson, pianist.

Nipper, Pollyanna Gibbs, Bill Walker, and Elizabeth Ponder. Marshals were Virginia Dawson, Linda Coulter, Bess Ruppolt, and Dorothy Campbell.

Albert Corpening Dies In Accident

Dr. Albert G. Corpening, nephew of Mrs. Edna Corpening Moore, college bursar, was killed in an automobile accident near Mocksville, N. C., last Saturday night at 11:30.

Dr. Corpening, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Corpening, of Granite Falls, was a graduate of Mars Hill. His father and three sisters were graduated from Mars Hill.

Notice

Seniors who expect to receive their diplomas on May 31 should check with the Registrar regarding their credits and arrange to pay their diploma fee of \$3.00. This should be done at once.



DORMITORY PROGRAM LAUNCHED—President Blackwell turns over the first shovelful of dirt on the new dormitory as the college expansion program gets officially under way. At Dr. Blackwell's right is Mr. B. M. Canup, Assistant Bursar. At his left are Mr. B. H. Tilson, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, and Dean R. M. Lee.

Scandals Scandalize Dean; Proclamation Follows

was only a Tuesday night fellowship hour, but the reverend words were many.

In addition to being meted out all-down each, the residents of the House of Sprinkle henceforth "be more attentive to the occupants (female) of the House," and "establish a plan for the provision of one cream cone to be purchased from the Canup's Corner and presented with apologies to Mr. B. Canup, Assistant Bursar . . ."

official proclamation from the office of Miss Caroline Big-Dean of Women, replete with college seal and the signature of witnessing officials of administration and the faculty followed the fellowship hour

presented last Tuesday night by Sprinkle in the college auditorium.

Written and produced by Sigsbee Miller and Ed Long, "Sprinkle Scandals" was a half-hour radio show, complete with commercials, orchestra, Frank Sinatra and the Andrews Sisters. Recordings were played from a control room backstage over a loudspeaker. Feature event of the show was "History of a Mystery," "The Vanishing Cream of a College Dean," or "Goodbye Miss Caroline."

During the course of the show, the girls of Spilman were referred to variously as the Flunking Females, the Unmarriageables, and the Sprightly Spilman Spin-

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Officers Elected By Three Societies

The following officers have been elected by the Literary Societies.

For the Philomathians, Clyde Drake, president; Lanky Landers, vice president; Earl Winfree, secretary; Baine Harris, censor; Roy Moorehead, chorister; and John Gibbson, pianist.

Nonpareil officers are Hope Blanchard, president; Doris Peoples, vice president; Mary Evelyn west, secretary; Doris Penland, censor; Miriam Smith, chaplain; Edith Faut, pianist; and Doris Jones, chorister.

The Clio officers are Sally Hudson, president; Myrtle Davis, vice president; Rose Erwin, secretary; Anne Hendrix, censor;

Dramateers Produce Original Play

record turnout saw Mary Sparks' original play, *At the Hound*, and John Patrick's one-act comedy, *Dabblers*, presented by the dramateers in the college auditorium Saturday night, March 9. Leading the cast of *At the Hound*, a one-act dramatization of the mountain and of Frankie and Johnny, Cornelia Vann, as Cordie one, a lonely mountain woman whose murder of her husband discovered during a prayer giving her sympathetic neighbors were holding for her.

erry Saville and Ed Long, who cast, respectively, as Elizabeth Barrett and Robert Brown. In the fall production of *The retts*, showed their versatility playing the parts of Docia



Tolley and her half-wit son, Holan, whose interest in the McCone fireplace provided the key for the unraveling of the mystery.

Ned Austin, a veteran Dramateer who returned this semester from the Armed services, was cast as Bis Crowder, the sheriff. Leta Shelby was Liz, his wife.

Ray Riddle was Mr. Bauchanan, the mountain preacher, and Elon Myers was Hatt Ballow, a social outcast.

The plot of *The Dabblers* was centered around Margot, the hypnotist, played by Virginia Marshall. Completing the cast of the comedy of college life were Louise Beck, Nellie Sue Stinson, Norma Minges, Carolyn Halstead, and Dovie Tallent.

Student assistants were Mary Lela Sparks, Boyd Sutton, Louis