

Veterans at Mars Hill Number 52

Big Increase Is Expected

Fifty-two veterans have registered during the current school year and a greatly increased number is anticipated for the Summer and Fall sessions. Out of this number eight have withdrawn. Twenty-six of these men are former Mars Hill students.

A glance at the service records of these men will certainly be of interest to all on the Hill now and to many of the Alumni.

Those who have attended Mars Hill previously are:

Ned P. Austin, Boone, N. C.—16 months with United States Army; attached to 137th Regiment of 35th Division; fought with 3rd, 7th, and 9th Armies in Europe. Prisoner of war for 25 days.

Tom Brookshire, Taylorsville, N. C.—30 months with United States Army; attached to 158th Combat Engineers; 21 months in European theater; earned five campaign stars from Normandy to Germany.

George Buchanan, Estatoe, N. C.—36 months with Army Air Corps; 8 months in Mediterranean theater as first pilot on a B-24; attached to 15th Air Force.

I. E. Burnette, Jr., Mars Hill N. C.—26 months with Army Air Corps; in training as Aviation Cadet.

Marion P. Cash, Belmont, N. C.—29 months with Army Air Corps; 12 months in the Pacific theater with the 7th Air Force.

Lyle W. Coffey, Waynesville, N. C.—13 months with Army Air Corps; in training as Aviation Cadet for bomber pilot on B-25's.

George Cushwa, Roxboro, N. C.—36 months with United States Army; attached to 511th Parachute Infantry of the 11th Airborne Division; 19 months in the Pacific theater taking part in New Guinea and Philippine campaigns; was with first airborne unit to land in Japan.

J. C. Edwards, Mars Hill, N. C.—Information not available.

Harrison R. Faile, Kershaw, S. C.—36 months with the Army Air Forces; in American theater.

William Field, Horse Shoe, N. C. 31 months with United States Army; attached to 9th Infantry Division; 8 months in European theater; received Purple Heart with cluster.

Bill Grimes, Newport News, Va.—29 months with Army Air Forces; 12 months in the Pacific with 380th Bomb Group of 5th Air Force; flew 41 missions as radio operator on B-24; awarded Air Medal with 3 clusters.

Quentin Harper, Rocky Mount, N. C.—46 months with United States Navy; one year in the Armed Guard aboard the S. S. Toledo; later to the Pacific theater serving aboard the USS Hydrographer.

Charles A. Harris, Morganton, N. C.—36 months with United States Army; 24 months in the European theater; awarded Purple heart.

Robert Lee Hendley, Wadesboro, N. C.—36 months with Army Air Forces; served in American theater.

David Lucas, Monroe Hall, Va.—35 months with United States Army; served 27 months with 831st Replacement Company in North Africa, Malta, and Italy.

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Those at Mars Hill for the first time are:

Thomas L. Beatty, Cornelius, N. C.—56 months with United States Army; attached to C. C. of 20th Engineering Battalion; 36 months in North Africa, Sicily, England, France, Germany, Belgium, and Czechoslovakia; landed "D" day in Africa, Sicily, and Normandy; received battlefield commission.

Andrew S. Burgess, Jr., Burlington, N. C.—35 months with United States Army; attached to 104th Timberwolf Division of 413th Infantry; served in England, France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany.

Albert A. Edwards, Rocky Mount, N. C.—52 months with Army Air Corps; Flight Engineer on B-24's; attached to Western Training Command of the 2nd Air Corps.

Don Edwards, Marshall, N. C.—Information not available.

Paul Embler, Candler, N. C.—Information not available.

Wiley L. Gouge, Jr., Asheville, N. C.—11 months with United States Army; attached to Mechanical Cavalry Recon. Troop of 88th Division.

Frank S. Heideck, Kensington, Md.—10 months with United States Army; attached to 489th Automatic Weapon Battalion AAA 4th Armored Division.

Albert H. Hodge, Kenly, N. C.—36 months with United States Navy; 24 months in the Pacific theater serving aboard USS LST 475; took part in invasion of New Guinea and Philippines; landed in Japan.

Thomas E. Howard, Charlotte, N. C.—served 31 months overseas with 331st Air Service Squadron; with 9th Air Force in Egypt, 12th Air Force in Tunisia, and 15th Air Force in Italy.

Mahlon B. Hughes, Jackson, N. C.—48 months with United States Army; attached to 248th General Hospital for 30 months in the Pacific theater.

David Jordan, Maiden, N. C.—37 months with Army Air Corps; flew 64 combat missions as engineer on a B-24; served 12 months in Pacific theater; awarded Air Medal with 3 clusters.

James Harold Knox, Davidson, N. C.—61 months with United States Army; attached to 15th F. A. Observation Battalion; 26 months overseas in North Africa and Italy; landed at Anzio beach-head.

Robert B. Lunsford, Roxboro, N. C.—33 months with United States Army; attached to 511th Parachute Infantry of the 11th Airborne Division; 16 months in the Pacific theater taking part in New Guinea and Philippine campaigns.

Norman W. Lytton, Long Island, N. C.—24 months with United States Navy; served 19 months aboard USS PC 1201 in the Caribbean theater.

Persival A. Marshall, Stockdale, N. C.—37 months with United States Army; attached to 467th Bomb Group; served 18 months overseas in the European theater.

Richard Moore, Charlotte, N. C.—36 months with United States Army; attached to 50th Army Ground Force Band.

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Still On The Hill

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time between Bible classes in the new Charles M. Wall Science Building, and her art studio in Treat. Besides her regular art classes, she is tutoring several promising students privately. She recently held a very successful exhibition in her studio.

And then there's "Pop" Stringfield (1909-1911, 1917-). More formally, he's Preston Calvin Stringfield, of the Education Department. In between psychology, education and geometry classes, he still serves as full-time college photographer. His workshop remains a favorite gathering place of students, where negatives, photos, and philosophy are distributed with equal good-humor.

Mrs. Nona Moore Roberts, a member of the modern languages department since 1919, may still be found in McConnell Gymnasium, dividing her time between French grammar, seventeenth century French drama, and reports on her son David, who will complete his first year in the Navy in July. Next to Cornelle, Racine, and the subjunctive, David is her favorite topic. He is now on an aircraft carrier in the Pacific. Mr. O. E. Roberts, athletic coach at Mars Hill for 22 years, is principal of the Mars Hill High School.

Mrs. Cornelia Howell Varn, head of the modern languages department, is still across the hall from Mrs. Roberts in the Spanish room. She has been at Mars Hill since 1920. Her outstanding extra-curricular work is the Youth Temperance Council, of which she is State head. Her daughter, Cornelia, is a student at the college this year, and is outstanding in dramatics and journalism.

Miss Bonnie Wengert (Speech, 1917-1921, 1926), has gathered new laurels this Spring with her Dramateers. A play which Miss Wengert took to the Dramatics Festival at Chapel Hill recently took first place. She heads all college-wide student productions.

Miss Martha Sinclair Biggers (1922-1923, 1924-1925, 1926-) remains as head of the Music Department. The only change in this confirmed lover of the classics is her recently developed flair for boogie-woogie, which she played with the finesse of an expert at a recent faculty fellowship hour. Her sister, Miss Caroline Biggers, dean of women since 1936, still appears around dusk with her little warning bell, and, despite her traditionally unpleasant duties, remains one of the most popular officials on the campus.

John W. Huff, registrar and professor of ancient languages, is in his twenty-second year at Mars Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Huff were saddened last summer by the death of their son, William B. Huff, on Iwo Jima.

John Angus McLeod (Mr. Mac), a member of the English Department since 1924, is still the chintz-stroking, sage philosopher-humorist of the campus. Mr. Mac still carries on his famously-informal creative writing class, along with freshman and sophomore English classes. Mrs. Mac, teacher of freshman English, is still her absent-minded husband's Man Friday.

Dr. Ella Janet Pierce, Mars Hill's fashion plate, is finishing her twenty-first year on the campus. The thoroughness with which she essays to do all of her numerous tasks makes her perhaps the busiest figure on the campus. Still comes to meals late, her bobbing apologetically. And

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To The Alumni

During the forty-nine years I have been at Mars Hill literally thousands of the finest young men and women have come, tarried awhile for better training and guidance, and have gone out to fill a worthy place in a busy and needy world—many on the far-flung battle lines, many carrying good news to lands beyond the seas, and many more in varied public and private relations have contributed to kingdom building. Few indeed have made shipwreck of the hopes of their teachers and of their own divine possibilities.

It has been customary to make each commencement a sort of homecoming. This year, in view of the larger plans and opportunities, many times the usual number of former students should return, and let us at the altar of common unity and fellowship pledge our loyal and sacrificial effort, thus ushering in a new day in Christian education. Note the date—May 30, 1946. Invitations are being sent to every old student whose address we are able to secure. Come if possible, and many of you can make it possible with a little sacrifice of time and money. If you find it impossible to come, please write me telling more of your life since you left us.

God willing, I shall be present to greet you personally and to share in the fellowship of the day.

Sincerely,
R. L. Moore.

Samuel R. McGuire, Norton, N. C.—served with 90th Infantry Regiment in the American theater.

Elwood Orr, Rocky Mount, N. C.—35 months with Army Air Corps; served 29 months with Army Airways Communication System in the Pacific theater.

Donald Peninger, Mooresville, N. C.—37 months with Army Air Corps; attached to 2nd Air Force; 7 months in the Caribbean theater.

Charles Sams, Mars Hill, N. C.—41 months with Army Air Corps; served 12 months in European theater; pilot on B-24's; awarded Air Medal with 5 clusters; one cluster for shooting down enemy fighter (Me-109); 35 combat missions.

Edward Soo, New York, N. Y.—34 months with United States Army; attached to the 45th Division; 34 months in North Africa, Italy, France, and Germany; took part in landings in Anzio and Casino.

Albert G. Wall, Mars Hill, N. C.—30 months with United States Army; 23 months in the Euro-

pean theater; awarded the Purple heart.

James A. Warren, Lenoir, N. C.—33 months with Army Air Corps; attached to 329th Air Service Squadron; served 19 months in England, France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany.

Paul Wilson, Littleton, N. C.—33 months with Army Air Corps; attached to the 13th Photo Ren. Squadron of the 8th Air Force; served 21 months in European theater; awarded Presidential Unit Citation.

Thomas L. Wilson, Rock Hill S. C.—30 months with United States Navy; attached to 4th Beach Battalion, based in Salerno; took part in the invasion of Southern France; served in the Pacific theater aboard USS Gosper (APA 170).

Earl Clifton Winfree, Sumnerfield, N. C.—17 days with United States Navy; received Medical Discharge.

Arthur E. Wood, Mars Hill, N. C.—21 months with Army Air Corps; in training as Aviation Cadet.