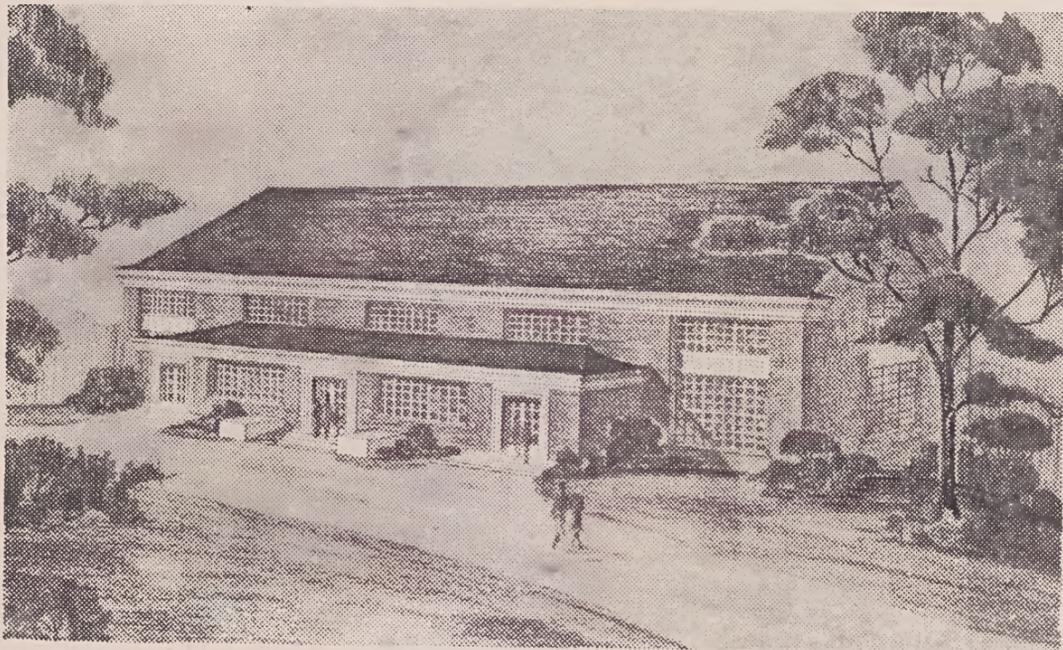


# Dr. Blackwell Heads College Expansion Program



**PROPOSED DINING HALL**—The picture shows a drawing by Henry I. Gaines, architect, of the new dining room, plans for which are almost complete and the contract for which will be let in the near future. The building will include the dining room, with a main floor which will seat 600 and a mezzanine which will accommodate 300; a culinary department with a modern kitchen and bakery, food preparation rooms, storage and refrigeration facilities; offices and quarters for the dining room and kitchen staff; cloak rooms and washrooms for students and guests.

## Alumni Auditorium To Be Among Five New Buildings

"Mars Hill must have physical equipment to match its spiritual assets," Dr. Blackwell said when he became director of the enlargement program of the college ten years ago.

At that time, which was two years before he was unanimously chosen to succeed Dr. R. L. Moore as president, he was head of the department of Bible at the college. He immediately threw himself into the task with characteristic zeal and soon infected others with his enthusiasm. Since 1938 carrying on his manifold duties as president, he has continued his efforts to provide the college with the improvements needed.

In spite of changing economic conditions, suspension of practically all building during the war, and the scarcity of labor and materials since, much has been achieved in the decade since the program was undertaken.

### Buildings Added

During this period three large buildings have been completed and furnished, one is nearing completion, and others are being planned; valuable property adjacent to the campus has been purchased, including several cottages; older buildings have been improved or renovated.

The first building to be erected after the enlargement program was launched was a commodious dormitory for women. At that time the campus did not extend across the street leading to the high school. The trustees wisely decided, therefore, to purchase the site where the dormitories for women now stand, a beautiful elevation on the opposite side of the campus from the hill on which the men's dormitories are located. This first building was appropriately named the Edna Corpening Moore Dormitory for Women, in honor of Mrs. R. L. Moore, who at that time had served the college sacrificially in

various capacities for forty years and had done so much to furnish comforts and necessities for the students through these years. Former students and others, eager to show their appreciation of Mrs. Moore and to help provide the college with a needed building, enthusiastically joined Dr. Blackwell in the undertaking. Thus this beautiful building, which has rooms for 120 persons, besides parlors and a recreation room, came into being and was dedicated in 1938.

The next building to be undertaken was the Science Building. The need was acute for adequate laboratories and lecture rooms for the natural sciences, for suitable space for the home economics department, for additional classrooms, and for larger halls for the literary societies. This four-story building was completed in 1940 and appropriately named for the late Charles M. Wall, Sr., of Lexington, who was at that time chairman of the buildings and grounds committee of the board of trustees and whose vision and generosity not only made this building possible but helped promote the whole program of the college.

The third building to be completed was the Stroup Dormitory for Women. This building is similar in design to the Edna Moore Dormitory, to which it is joined, except that it accommodates a few more persons and the rooms are built in suites, with connecting baths. It was completed in 1941 and called the New Dormitory. At the spring meeting in 1946 the trustees voted to name this building for Mrs. Rush Stroup. (More on Page 3)

## Half-Century Of Service Ended—

### Dr. And Mrs. Moore Begin Fiftieth Year At Mars Hill

#### CI's Choose Sponsors

At the second meeting of the freshman class of the year Professor and Mrs. Ramon DeShazo were elected by popular vote to be the CI Class sponsors for the 1946-47 session.

Professor DeShazo is instructor in both freshman and sophomore English. Mrs. DeShazo is library assistant in charge of the reserve library. The DeShazos are now in their seventh year at Mars Hill. Their stay has been interrupted twice: once when "Papa De" went to Peabody College to complete his master's degree and again when he was given a leave of absence to teach in a military academy.

Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Moore began this fall their fiftieth year of continuous service at Mars Hill College. Their coming to Mars Hill in 1897 has been called appropriately the second founding of the college. When Dr. Moore became president fifty years ago the college plant comprised two buildings, the upper floor of one belonging to the Masonic lodge. The original four-acre campus had dwindled to little more than two acres. The enrollment was 180 and the faculty numbered three members. When he retired from the presidency in 1938 the campus had expanded to include almost 100 acres, on which were 13 buildings besides 10 cottages; the enrollment was over 700, and the faculty and administrative staff (More on Page 2)

#### Phi Anniversary Plans Complete

Behind the doors of Philomathian Hall there has been much planning and secrecy in preparation for the annual Anniversary program, which will be given Nov. 16. All one hundred and nine Philomathians are working together and putting forth the best abilities that they have in order to make a success of the excellent program material that they have been able to compile. Now all plans are completed.

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#### Rhys Davies, M.P. Delivers Address

The honorable Rhys Davies of the British House of Commons, now on a tour of the Southeast, delivered a lecture to the students and faculty of Mars Hill College Tuesday evening, October 29, at eight o'clock.

"The political power which was once ours has passed on to America." This was the theme of Davies' enlightening address on British politics and the road to peace.

Mr. Davies held the interest of his audience for over an hour as he explained the British interpretation of socialism and its vital differences from the socialistic system of Russia.

Mr. Davies was a former coal miner in Wales, an Episcopal preacher, and has been in Parliament for over twenty-five years.

## Student Body Statistics For 1946-47 Released

According to figures released by the Registrar's Office the total enrollment for the fall semester of 1946-47 is 902 students. Of this number 441 are first year students' II's. For the first time in five years the number of men, 481, exceeds the number of women, 421. These groups are divided as follows: CI men, 284; CII men, 197; I women, 157; CII women, 264. Two women veterans and 276 ex-service men are members of the student body. Thirty-one veterans are married. In addition to the above, the enrollment includes a number of special students.

Mars Hill students present a wide geographical distribution. They come from sixteen states,

the District of Columbia and Cuba. Seventy-six counties in North Carolina are represented. Numerically Buncombe heads the list with 104 students and Mecklenburg is second with 46.

The student body includes adherents of twelve religious faiths and about twenty who claim allegiance to none. Baptist number 738; Methodist rank next with 80 members; there are 34 Presbyterians. The following churches are represented by the numbers given: Christian 5, Lutheran 5, Episcopalian 8, Friends 1, Christian Science 3, Moravians 2, Brethren 1, Catholic 2, and Missionary 1.

## Alumni Auditorium Fund Reaches \$13,085.85

Listed below, according to classes, are the gifts which have been added to the Alumni Auditorium Fund by former students since December 15, 1945. Many of you have given liberally for which we are indeed grateful; others of you will be sending in gifts as it is convenient. It has been suggested that classes organize and work toward a specific goal. The Class of 1922 is attempting to raise at least \$10,000 by next May. Contributions that are solicited from other people by alumni will be credited to the class for which they are designated. What can you do, or influence someone else to do, toward building a beautiful auditorium on the campus of your Alma Mater? A list of contribu-

tions to date will be published in the April issue of the Hilltop.

Class of 1903, \$25.00; 1905, \$210.00; 1906, \$120.00; 1907, \$10.00; 1908, \$21.00; 1910, \$100.00; 1912, \$225.00; 1914, \$155.00; 1915, \$215.00; 1916, \$30.00; 1917, \$130.00; 1918, \$55.00; 1919, \$175.00; 1920, \$350.00; 1921, \$3,762.50; 1922, \$2,525.00; 1924, \$510.00; 1925, \$5.00; 1926, \$75.00; 1927, \$15.00; 1928, \$25.00; 1929, \$175.00; 1930, \$75.00; 1931, \$45.00; 1932, \$35.00; 1933, \$47.00; 1934, \$120.00; 1935, \$15.00; 1936, \$33.75, \$165.00; 1938, \$41.00; 1939, \$80.00; 1940, \$160.00; 1941, \$55.00; 1942, \$47.60; 1943, \$186.00; 1945, \$40.00; 1946, \$1,210.00; 1947, \$1,820.00. Total: \$13,088.85.