

## Baptist Student Union Reviews 23 Years Of Service

In 1923 the Mars Hill College catalog announced that the Baptist Student Union had been organized for the coming year. This new organization was the unifying agency through which all of the religious and moral forces worked effectively in making the campus better. Its purpose has made for it a large part in the life of the institution.

The organization was actually begun during the school year of 1923-24 when Miss Beulah Bowden, a Mars Hill teacher, accompanied Miss Gladys Johnson, Miss Mary Frances Biggers, Mr. Leonard Morgan, and Mr. Fred Moore, official chauffeur for the group, to Raleigh to attend one of the first North Carolina State Conventions of the Baptist Student Union. Had it not been for the ukelele of Miss Biggers to cheer the group and to revive their sagging spirits, the Mars Hill delegation might never have gone on in a broken-down car with little nourishment. Miss Biggers did have the ukelele, and she knew how to play anything which the others felt prompted to sing; therefore, an enlightened group returned to the Mars Hill campus and Miss Gladys Johnson was elected as the first president. During the following school year Dr. Frank Leavell visited the campus for the purpose of further aiding in the organization.

### Council In Early Years

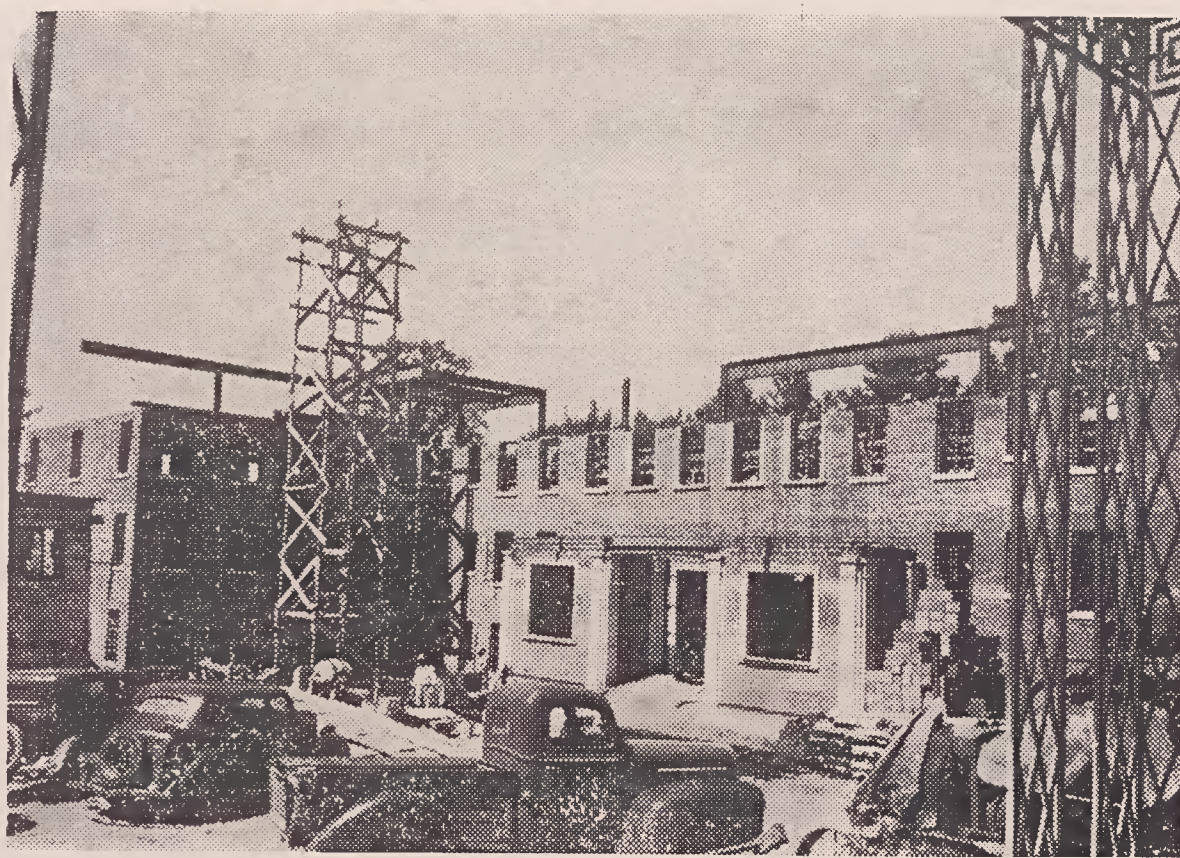
In the early years of the B. S. U. the Executive Council consisted of only eight major officers—B. S. U. president, B. S. U. recording secretary, B. S. U. corresponding secretary, B. Y. P. U. president, Sunday School president, Y. W. A. president, Ministerial Conference representative (added in 1926), and the president of the College Church—and several subordinate officers to each of the unit organization representative. Through the years the Council grew as a young tree grows, various new branches forming and some of the old ones being cut off.

### Constitution Drafted In 1926

The College Church was a unit of religious work which became the brunt of much discussion. The real purpose was to enlist students in the Mars Hill Baptist Church, but some felt that it should be made a separate church for the students. A constitution was drafted and taken to the southwide B. S. U. Convention at Birmingham, Ala., in 1926, where the representatives were advised against this action. Miss Bowden, the faculty advisor to the Council, later spoke to the group concerning Dr. Leavell's view on the matter, and soon the idea was abandoned. In the election for the year 1933-34 the head of the College Church was omitted from the Council as "not a major office." About 1944 this work was taken over by the first vice-president.

### Former Presidents

First magnitude has been attained several times since it was reached in 1929, and even in years in which this goal was reached, the work done was satisfying.



This picture, taken earlier this fall, shows progress being made on the new dormitory for women. The building, which is now being roofed, will be similar in construction to the Stroup Dormitory, to which it will be joined by an arch. It will be five stories high on one end and four stories high on the other and will contain, besides parlors and a recreation room, rooms for 175 persons. The rooms will be built in suites with connecting baths.

## Former Students Married Here

### Miller, Hearn Wed In Local Church

Miss Lillian Elizabeth Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grady F. Miller of North Wilkesboro, became the bride of Reverend William Moore Hearn, son of Mrs. Ida Moore Hearn and the late William E. Hearn of Weaverville, on Sunday afternoon, October 20, in the Mars Hill Baptist Church.

The ceremony was performed by Dr. Donald W. Moore, former college roommate of the groom. The church was decorated with white gladioli arranged against a background of greenery and tall candles in branched candelabra.

Several selections, including "Salut d'Amour" and Schubert's "Serenade" were rendered at the organ by Mr. Elwood Roberts of the Mars Hill College music faculty. Mrs. Elwood Robert sang before the ceremony "Ich Liebe Dich" and as a final number "The Lord's Prayer."

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a gown

of white Chinese brocaded satin, made with fitted bodice, long fitted sleeves, and a yoke of sheer silk marquisette. The full skirt ended in a short train. Her fingertip veil fell from a coronet of orange blossoms. She carried on her prayerbook a purple-throated white orchid showered with tuberosa blossoms caught in white satin ribbon.

Miss Rachel Messick of Yadkinville, college roommate of the bride, now a member of the Mars Hill College faculty, was maid of honor and only attendant of the bride. Her dress was of ice-blue marquisette, with fitted bodice in off-shoulder effect, and full skirt. She wore a matching picture hat and long white gloves. Her flowers consisted of a cascade bouquet of white carnations tied with satin ribbon. Mrs. Miller, mother of the bride wore black with corsage of pink rosebuds.

Stanley Buckner, life-long friend

of the groom, was best man. Ushers were D. T. Carowan and Milton Bliss of Mars Hill College.

Immediately after the ceremony the couple left by motor for a wedding trip to Tampa, Florida. For traveling the bride wore a brown wool suit with matching accessories.

The bride is a graduate of the North Wilkesboro high school and of Mars Hill College in the Class of 1945. While at Mars Hill she was prominent in student activities and served as president of the Scribner Club, anniversary president of the Nonpareil Society, associate editor of the *Hilltop* and member of the Forensic Council. The groom is a graduate of Mars Hill College, of Wake Forest College, and of Crozer Theological Seminary. He served for three years as chaplain in the Navy.

Out of town guests included the family of the bride and friends and relatives of the groom.

## Miss Dendy Speaks To Groups

### Volunteers For Christ

The Volunteers for Christ met on Tuesday evening, October 22, in the Clio-Phi Hall. The constitution for the organization was read and revisions on certain points were discussed. The group selected as its scripture verses Matthew 28:19-20: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Miss Mary Ann Dendy, of Weaverville, spoke to the group concerning the need for Bible teachers in the Public Schools. Miss Dendy, a graduate of Mars Hill College and Erskine College in South Carolina, teaches Bible in the public schools in Asheville. This field is relatively new, but many districts have realized the importance of Bible as a part of the curricula of the public school.

### GI's And VA Checks

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checks on time. Those few who don't are asked to wait until November 14. If veteran students here haven't received their checks by that date, they should report the fact to me immediately and we'll get the matter straightened out as rapidly as possible. I will be at your school each second and fourth Thursday mornings around 10:30 o'clock and will be glad to help with any problem at that time."

### Correction

In the preceding edition of *The Hilltop* the article concerning the accident which involved Fowler and Cole conveyed the impression that the "unidentified high school boy" wished to remain as such. Contrarily, there is no reason why he should. The boy was John Dale Edwards and his automobile, a 1938 Ford sedan, merely turned over on its side against a bank, rather than completely over as stated.

## Blackwell Heads MHC Expansion For Tenth Year

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of Shelby, who is chairman of the buildings and grounds committee of the board of trustees and who has given unstintingly of her time, her counsel, and her money in support of the college and the building program particularly.

While these buildings were being erected and equipped, other improvements were being made on the campus. The auditorium was refinished inside; the interior of Spilman Dormitory was remodeled throughout; repairs were made on other buildings and equipment added; the grounds were extended and beautified.

### Other Buildings Underway

Despite delays and scarcity of materials a new dormitory for women is nearing completion. This building, which is five stories high on one end and four stories high on the other, will provide rooms for 175 persons besides parlors and a recreation room. The interior construction will be similar to that of the Stroup Dormitory, to which it will be joined by an arch, with the rooms built in suites with connecting baths. The trustees at their last meeting voted to name this building for Robert O. Huffman, of Morganton, chairman of the board of trustees, who was a member of the buildings and grounds committee of the board when the enlargement program was launched. Thus the building will appropriately bear the name of one to whose vision, business judgment, and generosity the college owes so much. It will also perpetuate on the campus a name which is associated with the business, civic, educational, and religious progress of North Carolina.

The next building to be erected on the campus is the new dining room. Plans for this building are practically complete and the contract is expected to be let soon. The building will contain a dining room which will seat 600 persons and a mezzanine which will seat 300; a modern kitchen and bakery; rooms for food preparation and facilities for storage and refrigeration; offices and quarters for the dining room and kitchen staff; cloak rooms and washrooms for students and guests.

Plans are also in hand for the faculty apartment house, and the contract will be let as soon as possible. It will contain apartments of different sizes to suit the varying needs of the teachers. This building will fill a long-felt need of the college, which has been accentuated by the present shortage of rooms and housing facilities.

Tentative plans have been drawn for a new library building, and a committee has been working for several months to design a building which will provide adequately for the present needs of the college and which can be expanded for future needs.

The fund for the alumni auditorium is steadily growing. This building will occupy a prominent place on the campus and will meet one of the most pressing needs of the college, in providing a center for the religious and cultural life of the students and faculty. At present there is no auditorium on the campus or in the town which will accommodate the entire college.