

# The Hilltop

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"On the fields of friendly strife are sown the seeds which, in other years, on other fields, bear the fruits of victory." —Gen. Douglass MacArthur.

"If it came to a choice between free government and free press, I would choose free press."

—Thomas Jefferson.

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## Dining Hall Construction Under Way

### B T U Convention Convenes Here April 25th

#### Edens To Head MHC Delegation

Delegates from eight Western North Carolina counties will gather here on Friday, April 25, for the opening sessions of a two-day Baptist Training Union Convention, Region 9, to be held in Mars Hill Baptist Church.

Miss Ruth Martin, director of the Regional Training Union, will preside over the assembly which opens on Friday afternoon with a discussion of the general B.T.U. program by prominent Western North Carolina ministers. Training Union Methods will be discussed on Friday night; and, a convention business meeting will be conducted on Saturday morning.

Mars Hill College will be represented by a group of B.T.U. students and officers headed by Director David Edens, of Sumter, S. C. Doors will be open to any students interested in the program.



The picture shows a revised drawing of the Coyte Bridges dining hall now under construction at Mars Hill College. In addition to the dining hall, the building will contain a modern culinary department and quarters for the staff.

#### Coyte Bridges Project Will Cost \$275,000

The new Coyte Bridges Memorial dining hall is in the process of construction at Mars Hill college.

The building will be 153 feet long by 56 feet wide, with a kitchen 43 feet by 48 feet. The dining room including the main floor and mezzanine, will seat from 1,000 to 1,200. In addition to the dining room the building will contain a modern culinary department with storage and refrigeration rooms and quarters for the staff. The building will cost \$204,000 and with furnishings and equipment, approximately \$275,000 according to President Hoyt Blackwell.

The contractors for the building are Robinson Brothers of Asheville and the architect is Henry I. Gaines of Asheville, architect for the college.

This building will be located northeast of the Science building near the former site of Tilson cottage, forming another link in the planned circle of buildings which will include Melrose and Brown dormitories. Charles M. Wall science building, Huffman, Stroup and Edna Moore dormitories, and a larger and more modern book store with fountain facilities and bowling alleys.

The building will be named in honor of a former student, Coyte Bridges, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bridges of Catawba, who lost his life in a fall from a bridge during a flood in 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Bridges left the residue of their estate to the college with the request that the proceeds be used toward the erection of a modern dining hall.

## College Vets Organize Club

#### Jr. Sr. Banquet C-II Day April 26

The Annual Junior-Senior Banquet and C-II Day are scheduled to be held on Saturday, April 26.

The banquet will be held in the college dining hall at 8:00 P.M., to be followed by a program in the auditorium.

The Annual C-II Day will begin at 7:45 A.M. The seniors will leave the campus by bus and travel to Mount Pisgah. Following the hike and lunch they will return to the campus in time to change from slacks and overalls to dress suits and evening dresses for the banquet.

#### G. I. Checks To Be Expedited

Details of a new plan for expediting payment of subsistence allowances to veteran-students were outlined today by H. G. Bailey, Veterans' Administration Training Officer, of Sub-Regional Office, Asheville, N. C.

The post of subsistence award expeditor has been set up at the Winston-Salem VA Regional Office, he reported, adding that the expeditor is responsible for prompt handling of all reports on non-receipt of subsistence checks.

The new system, he said, should greatly streamline the handling of complaints from students who are having trouble in connection with their subsistence allowance payments. He emphasized the importance, however, of each student making his complaint through

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Approximately 115 veterans assembled in the auditorium on Monday night, April 14, to form a veterans' club.

Jack Dyer presided over the meeting until Carl Isaacs was elected president; with Isaacs presiding Jim Postelle was elected vice-president, Abie Norman was chosen as secretary, and Martyn Cavanaugh was elected treasurer. Harold Blankenship became chaplain by affirmation.

A committee of three, Jack Dyer, Elliot Donnels, and Quentin Harper, was elected to begin work on the constitution and by-laws.

In a floor discussion the veterans decided to refrain from either American Legion or Veterans of Foreign Wars affiliation.

#### Biggers Attends Dean's Meeting

Miss Caroline Biggers, dean of women, attended the State Deans of Women meeting held on Saturday, April 12, at the Woman's Club in Raleigh, at which both white and Negro deans were present.

The theme of the program was the need of people for greater spiritual development to match the physical and academic equipment which already exists. The need of sending aid to European sufferers was also emphasized.

On Wednesday, April 16, the western division of North Carolina deans of women held its meeting in Asheville. Miss Biggers is president of this group.

#### It's A Boy! Coach!

Mr. Stork paid his respects; Coach broke out the cigars; and Mars Hill claimed its newest citizen, Garrett Henry Ramsey, Friday night, April 11.

Weighing eight pounds and three ounces at birth, Garrett who was born between the hours of 8:30 and 9:00 P.M. at Biltmore Hospital, Asheville, plans to make his home in the nursery of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow "Red" Ramsey.

At last report, Mrs. Ramsey and infant son were doing fine.

#### Gibbs Play Is Accepted By Carolina Guild

The play, "Pity If You Please," written by Pollyanna Gibbs was produced at Chapel Hill by Mars Hill students on Saturday, April 12, having been accepted by the Carolina Playmakers' Guild as being worthy of production.

The play was first produced in the Mars Hill college auditorium on February 11. On March 20 the play was given, among others, at Lee Edwards High school in Asheville.

Miss Gibbs' play was one of six to be accepted out of twenty-six submitted. At Chapel Hill it was awarded honorable rating and Miss Gibbs received Samuel Selvon's Book of Play Writing.

The cast consisted of Elliott Donnels, as Mr. Lanely, Pollyanna Gibbs, as Mrs. Lanely, Carolyn Halstead as Iris Lanely, John Scalf as Steven Radford, and Bess Ruppelt as Sarah.

#### Business Club Holds Reunion

The Business Club was host to the alumni of the club in their annual reunion at the college on Saturday, April 12.

At six o'clock the alumni and members of the club attended a banquet held in the Non-Eu hall, during which the following program was presented:

Invocation, Dr. R. L. Moore, president emeritus of the college, toast to the college, Banner Shelton of Mayodan, response, Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, president of the college, toast to the Business Club alumni, Miss Ruby Hudson, of the business faculty, response, Gordon Funk, president of the club, special music by Inez Burns, Regina Styles and Muriel Burns accompanied by Ethelyn Shaw, members of the club, recognition of the visiting alumni, Miss Mildred Bingham, head of the department of business.

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#### MHC Wins Five Top Berths In Forensic Meet

Mars Hill attained unexpected success at the Grand National Forensic Tourney held at Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Va., April 3-5. The group, under the direction of Ramon DeShazo, forensics coach, took five of the possible twenty-four first places. These were: Women's Debate Championship, Merle Stevens and Betty Kitchings; Declamation, Sarah Padgett; Book Review, Jane Winchester; After Dinner Speaking, Jeanne Alexander; Impromptu Rejoinder, Merle Stevens.

In addition, Carl Westmoreland reached the finals in After Dinner and Poetry Reading and James Helvey competed in the finals in Declamation with Baine Harris, former Mars Hillian, who won the Declamation.

Among the forty-eight schools represented, only two were junior colleges. These were Mars Hill and Wingate. Other colleges and universities attending were the University of North Carolina, University of South Carolina, University of Florida, Pennsylvania State, Wooster, Seattle University, and the University of Ohio.

The Grand National Debate champions were from Pittsburg University and the Men's Debate champions were from Tulane University, New Orleans, La.

In a previous debate tournament held at Lenoir-Rhyne College, Hickory, March 6-8, Mars Hill won first place in the Womans Extempore, Impromptu, and Problem Solving, and five out of seven debates.