

Commencement Program Kickoff Saturday Night

Mars Hill college's 1947 Commencement program, extending over a period of twenty days and climaxing with graduation exercises Friday morning, May 23, will get underway officially Saturday night, May 3, at eight o'clock in the college auditorium with the annual Inter-Society Declamation contest.

Miss Frances Snelson, the president's secretary, announces the following Commencement calendar:

May 3, Saturday
8:00 P. M. — Inter-Society Declamation contest, auditorium. Mr. C. R. Edney, Marshall, gives the medal to the contest winner.

May 10, Saturday
8:00 P. M. — Inter-Society Oration contest, auditorium. Contest winner's medal awarded by Mr. J. V. Erskine, Weaverville, honoring his father-in-law, Mr. T. O. Deaderick.

May 17, Saturday
8:00 P. M. — Inter-Society Reading contest, auditorium. Contest award given by Dr. Irma Hender-

son-Smathers, Asheville.
May 18, Sunday
11:00 A. M. — Worship service. Baccalaureate sermon by Dr. V. Ward Barr, pastor First Baptist Church, Gastonia—Mars Hill college Baptist church.

May 21, Wednesday
8:00 P. M. — Inter-Society Debate, auditorium. Contest prize awarded by Mrs. C. B. Mashburn, Marshall.

May 22, Thursday
10:30 A. M. — Annual College Board of Trustees meeting, Charles M. Wall science building.

10:30 A. M. — Inter-Society Essay contest, auditorium. Silver loving cup with name of winning speaker engraved to be given by Mrs. Buren Journey, Raleigh. All society honors will be awarded on same program.

2:00 P. M. — Business meeting of all classes celebrating special reunions this year, 1907, 1912, 1917, 1922, 1927, 1932, 1937, and 1942.

3:00 P. M. — All Alumni Business meeting.

4:00 P. M. — Unveiling of portrait of Mrs. R. L. Moore in par-

lors of dormitory which bears her name. Unveiling of portrait of Mrs. Mae Cline Stroup in dormitory bearing her name. Tea will be served to guests to be followed by general inspection tour of Huffman dormitory.

7:30 P. M. — Alumni Banquet, Oscar E. Sams dining hall.

May 23, Thursday
9:45 A. M. — Graduation exercises, Dr. Ellis Fuller, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary will be the principal speaker.—Awarding of diplomas by Dr. Blackwell, auditorium.

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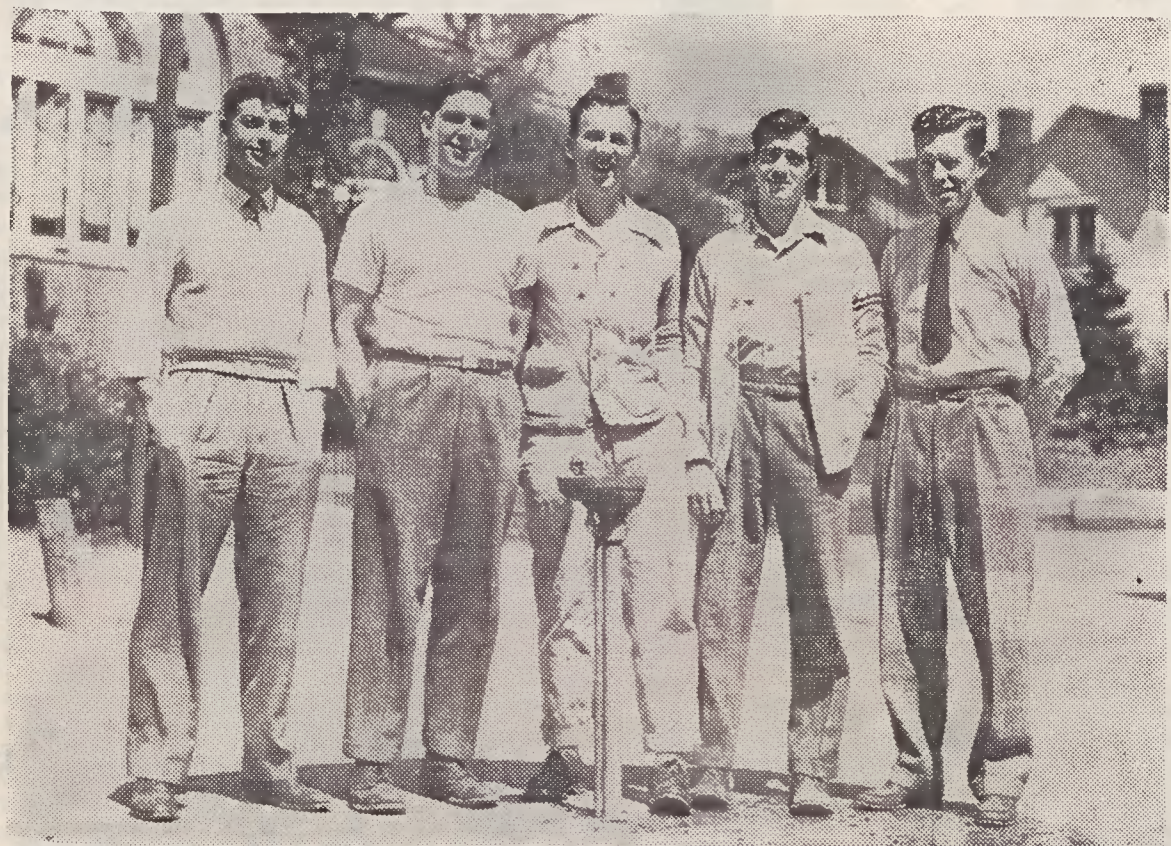
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Junior-Senior Banquet Draws Record Attendance



Here are Mars Hill College's recently-installed Veterans' Club officers. Left to right: Carl Isaacs, president; Jimmy Postelle, vice-president; Abie Norman, secretary; Martyn Cavanaugh, treasurer; and Harold "Rock" Blankenship, chaplain.

Largest Social Event Of Year Presented By C-Is

By Polly Jean Yandell & Harold Bennett

Father Time, in all his past, present, and future glory, feasted his patriarchal eyes on Mars Hill College's juniors and seniors Saturday night, April 26, when they congregated in Miss Essie's embellished dining hall for what proved to be the largest and one of the most elaborate banquets ever held on this campus.

The gala occasion was the annual junior-senior feed where tears mingle with "zip" and "parting farewells" are relayed over tablecloths from tearful C-I eyes to tear-soaked C-II orbs. And, beaming faces make brave attempts to conceal sorrowful and reminiscing minds that drift over bygone junior college days and puzzle over what the future has in store for them.

"Through The Years"

With "Through The Years" as the banquet theme, "Pop" Stringfield represented unforgettable past, Dr. Blackwell, fast-moving present, and youthful Pat Sams, unpredictable future Mars Hillians.

David Edens presided over the festivities as master of ceremonies. Harold Bennett, president of the C-I's, extended welcoming "glad you are heres"; and, Henry Crouch, senior executive, responded for the C-II guests.

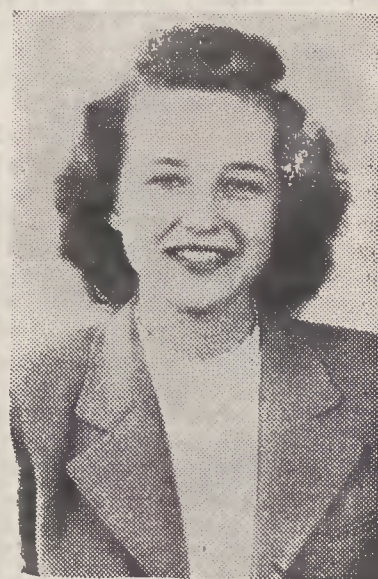
Evelyn Jowers expressed the theme in the song entitled: "Through the Years."

Entertainment Portion

After the banquet hall program, the revelers adjourned to the college auditorium for the special entertainment portion of the evening. The C-I quartet, Hal Boyd, Jimmy Postelle, Bill Stapleton, and Frank Yandell serenaded the congregation. John Scalf added the dramatic touch with a reading; and, the skit, "April King," contrasting the ancient May Queen custom, was enacted by Phil Weeks, and Bill Smith. The lyceum program was climaxed with a movie.

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Glee Clubbers Win Statewide Recognition



MISS SPAIN

Mars Hill college's Glee Club, eighty voices directed by Miss Elizabeth L. Souther, struck the high pitch of a colorful and booked-up year Saturday afternoon, April 26, when one of its most talented representatives, Miss Jewel Spain, lifted her soprano notes in Raleigh's School for Blind Auditorium where singers from eight districts came to compete for honors in North Carolina's annual state music contest.

Miss Spain, after receiving a superior rating in the Junior Music club contest and copping the Western North Carolina dis-

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'Mum's The Word'

'Sh!' MHC 'Angels' Finding May Day Steps Rough!

By Eleanor Burleson

Hey, Coach Hart! Why all the secrecy about May 3rd! "Mum is the word concerning Mars Hill college's May Day program this year," says Coach. We know, however, that plans are brewing because it is rumored that certain "angels" are having trouble learning their dance steps. Let us hope that the weather man is in a good mood on May 3rd., and that the bull dozer leaves a little grass for angel feet.

Briefly, the following is every ounce of the censored "poop" that has managed to infiltrate the May Day "veil of secrecy": time—May 3, four o'clock; place—Mars Hill college's amphitheater; characters—May Queen, Audrey Baker; Maid of Honor, Nell Thorton; King (lucky guy!) unannounced; crown bearer, Patricia Robinson; senior court attendants, Doris

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Huffman Dorm To Be Finished By August

Huffman Dormitory is being rushed to completion and will be finished during the month of August. The interior work is expected to be finished in another month.

The grading machines have been leveling the ground surrounding the dormitory. This work is expected to be terminated soon.

The furniture and fixtures are to arrive and be installed immediately after the interior and exterior work is ended.

When the new girls' dormitory is complete it will be ultra-modern and comparable to any dormitories found on the campuses of Southern Colleges today.

Dean Lee Names 1947-48 Marshals

Dean Lee has announced that the following will serve as marshals for the school year of 1947-48: Raleigh Baker, Chief Marshal; Mary Jane Winchester, Assistant Chief; Bobby Ivey, Carol Fredenberg, Craig Lowe, Jack Dyer, Beth Cook, Malcolm McConnel, Rosemary Rommel, George Furches, Betty Trantham, and Betty Sullivan.