

Lions Meet Bulldogs In Homecoming Tilt Today

1947 is definitely an off-year for football prophets and "one-gallus" sports writers. Pre-game forecasts are about as risky as the toss of a coin. This is the unpredictable season of spectacular upsets, Horatio Alger victories, and story-book outcomes. From the cream of college football to the insignificant sandlot, the "anything can happen" forecast heads the list.

So goes this afternoon's traditional homecoming game scheduled to be reeled off at 3:00 o'clock when Coach Woodrow "Red" Ramsey's Mountain Lions play host to a star-studded Asheville-Biltmore powerhouse in what has the mak-

ings of one of the most bitterly-contested and hardest-fought engagements ever staged on Mars Hill college field.

One initial blast from the starting whistle, one boot of the pigskin, and the two Western North Carolina elevens will clash in a junior college conference classic that may well furnish the crucial test for a state championship contender. This afternoon's game will usher in a new era of gridiron rivalry for the two teams that has all the earmarks of becoming a long and continuous feud.

To be sure, there is plenty at stake in this opening battle and, what's more, there is a psycho-

logical incentive behind both of the teams' efforts to capture the victory. The top prize is leadership in the ten-team, North Carolina junior college conference race. Asheville's high-riding Bulldogs with three consecutive circuit triumphs are a perfect season thus far will be out to defend No. 1 position in the loop scramble. Gardner-Webb, Brevard, and Lees-McRae have suffered defeat at the hands of this newcomer in football circles. Mars Hill, having chalked up a win and a loss in two non-conference games, will meet loop competition for the first time this season. If the Hillians take this one, they

will steal the spotlight in "the little ten." But the game will really draw its interest from the age-old anticipation of watching former teammates try to knock each other out. Cecil Roberts, J. C. Mull, and Eddy Harrell, all scatbacks, played with the Lions last year and will face many of their former teammates in today's game. At least a couple of other players on the young Asheville team saw service on the gridiron with Mars Hill in by-gone years.

Coach Ramsey's squad, riddled with injuries, will be at a definite disadvantage this afternoon. His stellar fullback, "Sleepy" Alton Cole, is tabbed for only part-time

duties, if any. Cole injured his knee in the opening game with Hiwassee Junior College. The Lions will suffer weakness at the tackle posts with John Brown and Frank Harris definitely marked for the sidelines. Brown has a broken rib from last Saturday's rout over the Pembroke Indians. William Webster, who is probably the Lions' most impressive backfield performer, enters the game with a lingering foot injury which may give him trouble before the contest is over.

The Mars Hill mentor, with Coach Bob Edwards as his assistant, has named J. C. (Seaweed) (Continued on Page 3)

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Sunday, October 12, is Church Building Fund Day. Our 1947 goal is \$10,000. Make your offering generous.

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Send A Hilltop

Do you wish The Hilltop sent to your pastor, to your high school or to a prospective student? If so, leave the name and address in The Hilltop office.

MHC Observes 92nd Founder's Day; Huffman Dorm. To Be Dedicated

The ninety-second anniversary of the opening of Mars Hill College is being celebrated today, October 11, instead of tomorrow, the 12th. The program formally began at 11:30 A.M. in the Auditorium. After an orchestral selection, greetings from college officials and recognition of visitors, Dr. Meador, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Ervin, Tenn., delivered the address of the day. At the close of the address the Glee Club sang two numbers: "Beautiful Saviour," arranged by Christensen, and "Onward Ye People," by Sibelius.

Dr. Blackburn Will Speak In Revival Here



To Dr. Glenn Blackburn, we extend this week a hearty welcome to our campus.

Dr. Blackburn will be leading our revival services for us in the Church each evening, October 12 through 19, at 7:30 P.M. Services will also be held at 11:30 A.M. each morning in both the College Auditorium and the Church. Dr. Blackwell will alternate with Dr. Blackburn for the morning services.

At present, Dr. Blackburn serves the First Baptist Church of Lumberton as its able pastor. He is a graduate of Wake Forest College and of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky.

For the afternoon, the program was as follows: at 1:30, the dedication of Huffman Dormitory; at 2:30, the laying of the cornerstone for the Coyte-Bridges Dining Hall; and at 3:00, the annual Homecoming football game with the Asheville-Biltmore team. It was truly a full day of activity for students, alumni, and visitors.

Varied Changes

There have been many and varied changes in the years since the late Edward Carter, whose birthday is perpetuated as Founder's Day, gave a four-acre tract of land for this institution. After the gift of land, the original Board of Trustees proceeded to erect the necessary buildings for opening the school in the fall of 1856. This college was named the French Broad Baptist Institute with W.A.G. Brown and P. W. Anderson in charge. The name was changed to Mars Hill College in 1859. It was the first Baptist College established west of the Blue Ridge and is the oldest college in Western North Carolina. In 1929, the control of the College passed from a self-perpetuating board of trustees to a board appointed by the Baptist State Convention. The two presidents since that time, Dr. Moore (1897-1938) and Dr. Blackwell (1938-) have contributed much to the advancement and influence of the college. It stands today a monument to all the far-sighted men and women who have put their lives into promoting its steady growth.

Interesting Facts

There are some interesting facts and legends concerning names and early events connected with (Continued on Page 4)



Here is a view, looking across the courtyard from Stroup front porch, of the new Huffman Dormitory which is being dedicated today. The building completed in the late summer houses 116 girls and several faculty members. It is named for Mr. R. O. Huffman, prominent business man of Morganton and teacher for many years of the Men's Bible Class in the First Baptist Church. Mr. Huffman is a former trustee, a former Chairman of the Building Committee, and a liberal benefactor of the college.

Founders' Day Program

- 11:00 A.M. — Program in Auditorium: Dr. T. C. Meadows, principal speaker.
- 12:30 P.M. — Luncheon in Home Economics Department.
- 1:30 P.M. — Dedication of Huffman Dormitory and Inspection of Building.
- 2:30 P.M. — Laying of Coyte Bridges Dining Hall Cornerstone.
- 3:00 P.M. — Football Game (Homecoming): Mars Hill vs. Asheville-Biltmore.

Cornerstone Swallows HILLTOP

A copy of today's Hilltop will go into the corner stone of Coyte Bridges dining hall in the official ceremony this afternoon, which is a highlight of the Founder's Day program here.

Numerous other items are slated for burial in the stone which should be of some interest to the Roy Chapman Andrews of a million years from now. An Asheville-Citizen will be preserved for the William Randolph Hearsts of the far-distant hereafter. A King

James Version of the Bible will be stored away for the ministerial students of 1,000,000 A.D. Miss Phoebe Duckworth and company's 1947 Laurel (Mars Hill's annual) will be cached away clearly marked: "Don't Open Until Christmas."

All the above listed articles will be kept company by coins, catalogues, quarterlies, various documents, etc.

No frogs or snakes will be entombed out of due respect to the future excavators of America.