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Friendly Greetings From Chester Swor

In August of this year Chester Swor, eminent youth leader among Southern Baptists, met with serious injuries in an automobile accident. The following letter from Mr. Swor, written from his home in Jackson, Mississippi, came to Mr. Ramon DeShazo and is reprinted here in part for the interest of all.

"After a sojourn of nine weeks in St. Mary's Hospital in Athens, Georgia, I was "promoted" to a cast and was permitted to come home by ambulance and pullman. You ought to see my new Fall Cast. It's more or less artistically fashioned of non-sterile gleaming white plaster-of-PARIS (stylish!) And listen, ladies, it's not just a little below-the-knee; it's down to my toes! In fact, I told my doctor that with the addition of helmet and plume I could pass for one of King Arthur's Knights-in-armor.

"So through October I shall be here in my home. Though it is necessary for me to remain abed, I am in excellent health and am able to receive all visitors. The cast is comfortable, and I have absolutely no pain now. The doctor has revised his estimate and has set November 28 as my "coming out" day.

"I am forever grateful to the great concourse of dear friends who have showered me with countless tokens of genuine friendship."

Students Present Radio Program

Four Mars Hill College students, led by John Daughtrey, head of the Personnel Department, as moderator, discussed "Getting A Job" as they presented the first radio program of the school year.

Carey Mumford, Carl Isaacs, Phil Phillips, and Howard Alley gave their spontaneous opinions on the topic as Mr. Daughtrey asked questions on this timely subject, which was chosen as the topic for November 7 "Columbia School of the Air" program, heard over WWNC in Asheville weekly.

Other schools participating in this program this year are: Asheville-Biltmore college, Brevard college, and the Lee H. Edwards High School Senior Class. The next program under the direction of Mars Hill College will be on December 5, at which time Mr. J. A. McLeod will be in charge.

The radio committee, of which Mr. Ramon DeShazo is chairman, is heading the group which is in charge of these WWNC radio programs. Other members of this committee are Miss Jean Starnes, Mr. Elwood Roberts, Mr. McLeod, Miss Lunsford, librarian, and Mrs. Highfill, secretary.

A schedule of Mars Hill participation in these "Columbia School of the Air" programs reads as follows:

February: Dr. Pierce and Miss Starnes.
March: Dean R. M. Lee.
April: Mr. Cotton.
May: Mr. Wood.

The Euthalian Anniversary program will be presented on Thursday night, November 27, at 8:00 P.M., in the auditorium. The two-part program will consist of the debates and declamations followed by the finale.

Don Young, president of the Euthalian literary society, refuses to disclose the theme but states: "Its essence is simple; yet profound in meaning." Chuck Lunsford, vice-president, and Frank Lawton, secretary, are equally secretive.

Gamma Chapter Meets Here

On Saturday, November 22, at 2:30 P.M., the Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, honorary fraternity for teachers, is meeting in Stroup Parlor with Miss Mildred Bingham, Dr. Ella Janet Pierce, and Miss Evelyn Underwood as hostesses. The membership of the chapter comes from several counties and towns in Western Carolina.

The program for the afternoon, which is under the direction of Miss Underwood, has for its theme "Appreciation of Music as a Means of Maintaining Mental Health." The development of hobbies in the field of music will be demonstrated. Among those performing will be: the veteran's quartette in vocal numbers, a faculty group singing madrigals, band members under the direction of Jack Dyer, Miss Vivian Lunsford as an amateur pianist, Miss Martha Biggers as a professional pianist.

Band Highlights Armistice Day Parade In Asheville

The marching band of Mars Hill College received an overwhelming welcome from the City of Asheville when it participated in the annual Memorial Day parade on November 11, along with the Lee Edwards High School Band and American Legion Band. During the three-mile parade the Mars Hill Band's able exhibition of musical ability and military style completely placed the other marching sections in the minority and caused a considerable amount of favorable comment.

Although the sky was heavily overcast, the new dress uniforms and the snappy spirit of our college band created sunny feelings in the hearts of all the spectators. At the termination of the ceremonies the band received invitations to participate in the Optimists Bowl game on December 11, and also to perform for the American Legion Convention to be held in Asheville in the Spring.

The director of the Band, Mr. James Hall, has worked for endless hours in training and drilling the members, and apparently his efforts have not been in vain. Mr. Hall is quite an accomplished band and orchestra director and has a natural ability in this field.

The members of the college band receive no credits for their endeavors, but give their time to this organization because of the sheer enjoyment that they receive from playing intricate musical scores. Rehearsals alone average from eight to twelve hours a week for the band.

The 45-piece marching band will appear in numerous concerts throughout the remainder of the school year and will participate in all of the major sports featured both on the campus and away at other colleges.

Officers of the band for the school year 1947-48 are: President, Jack Dyer; Vice-President, Bruce Cartier; Secretary, Macklyn Mackie; and Treasurer, Frank Lawton.

MHC Students Take High Honors

Netta Sue Caudill starred in the opening competition of the Forensic Club at Appalachian State Teachers' College, Boone, November 14-15. Miss Caudill won three first places, one second, and one third place in different events.

Other Mars Hill students who attended the meet were: Janet Harris, Jeanne Alexander, Carl Isaacs, and Jimmy Helvey. The group was trained and directed



by Mr. Ramon DeShazo. Events featured in the tournament were: After-dinner speeches, impromptu, poetry reading, radio announcing, oratory, extempore, and debate.

All Mars Hill representatives who attended won places as follows:

After-dinner for women: First place, Netta Sue Caudill; second place, Jeanne Alexander.

Impromptu for men: Second place, Jim Helvey.

Impromptu for women: First place, Netta Sue Caudill.

Poetry (women): Second place, Netta Sue Caudill.

Radio announcing (men): First place, Carl Isaacs.

Radio announcing (women): First place, Netta Sue Caudill.

All speakers in all contests were rated on an individual basis rather than as a team or by schools. Among approximately fifty debaters, Mars Hill debaters were ranked thus:

Men: Carl Isaacs, third; Jim Helvey, fifth.

Women: Janet Harris, second; Netta Sue Caudill, third.

A tentative schedule has been arranged for debates with Asheville-Biltmore, Milligan, East Tennessee State College and other nearby schools this fall. Delegates will also be sent to a tournament in Hickory, and next spring to the Grand National Forensics Tournament at Fredericksburg, Va.

Dean Lee Reports on Raleigh Meet

The presidents, deans, registrars, bursars and heads of departments of the six Baptist Colleges in North Carolina met at Meredith College on Friday, November 7, for dinner at 6:00.

At 7:00 on the first day there was a general meeting in the Astro Society hall with Dr. C. Sylvester Green, chairman of the council on Christian Education, presiding. Mr. Claude F. Gaddy, executive secretary of the council on Christian Education, explained to the group how the Education Council is made up:

The Council on Christian Education of the Baptist State Convention is composed of the presidents, the deans, the chairmen of the Boards of Trustees and the chairmen of the Executive Committees of the Boards of Trustees of the six Baptist Colleges in North Carolina. In addition, the Educational Committee of the general board of the Baptist State Convention are members and eight members are appointed at large by the Baptist State Convention. There are four *ex-officio* members, consisting of the president of the Baptist State Convention, general secretary of the Baptist State Convention, president of the State W.M.U., and the president of the general board of the convention.

Dean Charles W. Burts of Meredith College presented the matters to be discussed in the meeting:

1. What credit shall be allowed transfer students?
2. What shall be the standards of admissions?
3. The question of exchange of credits or should all credits be accepted in transfer?
4. The uniformity of credits in the same field.
5. How much work should be done in Bible, especially in the junior colleges?
6. Should teacher training take place in the junior colleges?
7. The problem of terminal courses and changes in courses.
8. What is expected of majors in the senior colleges?

From eight o'clock until nine-thirty Friday evening there were departmental meetings held, at which time consideration was given to problems peculiar to each particular department. A social and fellowship hour was then enjoyed by the entire group in the Blue Parlor of Meredith College.

Saturday morning, November 8, from 9:00 to 10:30 departmental meetings continued. The final session of the meeting was taken with

reports from the various departmental meetings and these were discussed. Dean R. M. Lee of Mars Hill College then concluded this initial inter-faculty meeting with a summary of the achievements of the two-day session.

"The meeting was very successful," remarked Dean Lee. "We were able to settle some of the problems which were presented to the group in the matter of languages, admissions and other topics. In addition to a frank open discussion of our common problems and the finding of solutions to some of these, there was the opportunity for administrative officers and heads of departments of the various institutions to become acquainted with one another and to discuss common problems in Christian education."

Those making the trip from Mars Hill College were: Dean Lee, Mr. Huff, Dr. Pierce, Mrs. Vann, Mr. Stringfield, Miss Martha Biggers, Mr. Wood, Miss Bingham, Mr. Howell, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Ashworth, Miss Starnes, Miss Lunsford, and Miss Swann.

News Briefs

Harris Has Wedding

On Friday, November 14, at 5:30 o'clock Miss Frances Queen and Mr. Robert Rockett of Morganton were married in the Mars Hill Baptist Church. Rev. Carl Harris of the college faculty performed the ceremony. The altar was banked with greenery, interspersed with white chrysanthemums, and was lighted by candles.

A group of engineers of Western North Carolina had a dinner meeting at the S & W Cafeteria in Asheville, Monday night, November 17. Two engineering students from Mars Hill college, Harold Lominac and James Harris, by virtue of their exceptional work in engineering mathematics, were invited as guests to this dinner. There were approximately forty engineers from western North Carolina present. A representative of the F. H. A. led a round table discussion on "F. H. A. and its applications."