

# Along the Sidelines

By Wilson and Morris

All attention has now been diverted to the game of basketball all over the land, since the football season has ended. Many colleges are lining up their teams and this year will be the tops in the game. We feel that it is necessary to change the name of our column, now that it is basketball season.

Here at Mars Hill the season got under way with the two boys' Literary Societies doing the honors. We saw a contest that was really the works last week. For awhile it was anyone's guess as to who had the ball. Some of the shots that were made on the side were exceptional. The varsity team took over last Wednesday night, with a game that brought sighs and excitement to many of the fans that were on hand to see the exhibition. The team as a whole is showing up fine and Mars Hill this year should have as good a chance as they had last year in the Tournament. Last year all the scoring records were broken and they were invited to the tournament over in Hendersonville. There they walked away with the Western Division championship. Then they moved on to Georgia where they took first place in the consolation class. This year as last, we would like to see the spirit that is needed for the team. If you think that the games are not exciting then you are in for a great surprise. Many of the people have remarked that they did not care for the game but when they saw one last year, they attended the rest of the season. We ask you to come out and see one and we believe that you will not miss another game. Remember that just before the holidays we have two games.

For relaxation and to get away from the books for an enjoyable evening come on down to the gym and see the boys in action.

The Phi-Eu basketball season will draw to a close on Monday night, December 15, so for a game that will give you some surprises come and see them. In the first game, the Phi's were the victors by the score 25-19.

Last Wednesday night the Lions defeated North Greenville by the score of 65-24. For the Lions, Jones with 15 points was the high scorer, and Riley marked up 10 points for the losers.

For more on the world of sports here at Mars Hill read this column in every issue of *The Hilltop*. Next time we will come out with a new heading but the column will be the same.

# Female Frolickings

By Steelman

Mars Hill College's Annual Football Banquet was held on Tuesday night, December 2, at 7:30 o'clock, in the dining hall annex. This banquet was given in honor of the football boys that played such a swell season of football.

At the entrance to the annex, the decorations consisted of an archway festooned with blue and gold crepe paper with a football over the doorway to welcome the football boys and guests. In the dining hall annex the room was decorated with blue and gold paper, with streamers covering the archways into the main dining hall. Behind the speakers' table a Mars Hill banner hung in simple folds representing the spirit of the team and cheerleaders. The centerpiece on the speakers' table was a football centered in ivy to represent the hard-fought battles that the boys played. On each of the tables blue and gold candles, surrounded with holly, gave the effect of dim darkness which the boys were used to from coming in at dusk after a day of practice.

Gene Wyke, President of the Sporting Goods Store in Asheville, was the guest speaker for the evening. He based his talk around the important factor in everyday life, "Love." Emmett Sams, the toastmaster for the evening, was a perfect one—with jokes and everything! J. V. Howell gave the invocation. Mr. R. P. Ashworth gave the "Passing," which was the challenge to the football team to continue their hard fights throughout life, after which Julius Crocker, co-captain for the year, gave the "Receiving." Anne Bruce Chandley, soloist for the event, sang "Together" and "Stardust," accompanied by Ann Williams. Coach Ramsey made the headlines of the evening when he presented the certificates to the football team (with wisecracks with each one of them). He also made the statement that the game with P.J.C. was the best game of the season with the possible exception of the Hiawasse game!!

Jack Dyer and his "south of the border" band furnished the music for the banquet with Senorita Jeannette Collins as featured soloist. Jeannette was so good that when she sang "St. Louis Blues" she was called back to sing it again. Jack willingly accepted the invitation to play for the banquet when he heard that "steaks" would be in the "atmosphere."

Beautiful girls????? You bet, and every one of them thrilled to death over her beautiful corsage of white and red carnations.

On closing the program Mr. Sams asked the football boys to stand to receive a hearty thanks for a wonderful season, after which the cheerleaders were asked to stand for recognition, and then the Women's Athletic Association, who sponsored the football banquet.

The Alma Mater was sung and the 1947 football banquet was over.

# PHIS WALK OVER EUS: 24-19

## Introducing

George "Curley" Williams

George Williams, an outstanding tackle of the Lions, hails from Monroe. He was captain of the football and basketball teams for two years at Union high school in Monroe. After graduating from high school in 1942, he came to Mars Hill for one year. He served twenty-eight months in the navy, nineteen of them overseas. He returned to Mars Hill in the fall of 1946, and received letters in football and basketball here last year. This year he is a member of the M-Club and Philomathia Literary Society. He expects to be back out with the Lions' baseball team in the spring.

John B. Brown

John Brown comes to Mars Hill from Middlesboro, Ky. He graduated from school at St. Charles high school in 1941 at St. Charles, Va. He was active in all sports during high school, but most of his time was spent in playing football. After graduating from high school in 1941, he came to Mars Hill. He left Mars Hill in 1942 to join the Marine Corps in which he served three years. He reached the rank of Sergeant and spent most of his time in the Pacific. He returned to Mars Hill in 1946 to finish his education. He pitched baseball for Mars Hill last year and is an outstanding tackle for the Lions. John Brown is an active member of the Sunday School and teaches a class of twelve year old boys. He is also a member of the Euthalian literary society, and coach of the CII basketball team. He plans to attend Clemson college next year.

Charlie Wilfong

Charlie Wilfong, an outstanding end for the Lions, comes to Mars Hill from Raleigh. Charlie played football and basketball at Needham-Broughton high school from which he graduated in 1944. He spent two years in the Navy. He played backfield for the Balles Military Academy in Jacksonville, Florida in 1942. Charlie, after leaving Mars Hill, plans to attend the University of Maryland. Here at Mars Hill he is the president of the M-Club, editor of the Laurel, and coach of the Euthalian basketball team.

The two boys' Literary Societies met on the basketball court on December 1 for a thrilling game. The Phis and Eus with their sister societies, the Clios and Nons, sat on opposite sides of the gym and cheered their respective teams. Society colors brightened the cheering sections. The game was a spirited and hotly contested one from beginning to end. The Phis took the game by the score of 26-19. Those paving the way for the Phi victory were Howard Knight and George Furches. The Eus, in their new "Black and Gold" uniforms, played very well, too. The outstanding Eus were: Stuckey, Mumford, and Lunsford.

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