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Last Rites Held For Dr. L. L. Vann

Dr. L. L. Vann, 83, retired physician of the community, died in an Asheville hospital, Monday, September 20. Dr. Vann, who was a prominent resident of Mars Hill, was quite active in educational movements of the Baptist State Convention and was also noted for his leadership in temperance movements.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Cornelia Howell Vann, who heads the Modern Language Department of Mars Hill College; three sons, Rev. L. L. Vann, Jr., of Danville, Virginia, Dr. Herbert M. Vann, who is Registrar at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine; Dr. J. W. Vann, who is a Captain in the Medical Corps of the U. S. Navy, stationed in San Diego, California; and two daughters, Mrs. Wm. D. Irvin of Chicago, Illinois; and Miss Cornelia Vann, who is a student at the University of North Carolina.

Funeral services were held at the Mars Hill Baptist Church, Tuesday, September 21, with the Rev. John R. Link officiating. Interment followed, Wednesday, in Danville, Virginia.

Draft Registration Plans Work

Registration, under the Selective Service Act of 1948, for all male students who are eligible, is under the direction of Miss Frances Snelson, assistant to the president, who is affiliated with the draft board at Marshall.

Miss Snelson, in an interview, stated that for the week ending September 11, thirty-two men had registered. This group was the older registrants, and most of them were draft exempt having taken part in the combat from December 7, 1941, until September 2, 1945. The prospective draftees have reported 82 strong, this category embodying the 19 and 20 year olds.

Registration has already secured the necessary data on the men in 19-25 year age groups, leaving only that on eighteen year olds to be completed.

All data received by Miss Snelson is sent to Marshall to the Madison County Draft Board where it is forwarded to the local board of the registrant.

923 Enrolled

Mars Hill College has opened its ninety-second year with an enrollment to date of 923. Of this number 446 are women and 477 are men.

The Forty-niners constitute the largest CII Class in the history of Mars Hill College. This class has an enrollment of 417 students. Mars Hill campus is also carrying the weight of 506 C-1 students, the fourth largest junior class.



Pictured are: (Standing, left to right), Mr. James S. Pickering, Miss Betty Ann Crowell, Miss Dixie Hollowell, Mrs. Pearl Head, James Peterson, Mr. James A. Martin, Mr. Raymond Wyatt. (Seated), Miss Imogene Cowan, Miss Frances Hegler, and Miss Gerry Stevens. Mrs. John Marr was not present when the picture was taken. (Photo by Stringfield).

Eleven New Members Join MHC Faculty

Mars Hill College has added eleven new members to the faculty and staff this year. Of this number five are either former residents of Mars Hill or Mars Hill alumni. Miss Frances Hegler and Miss Gerry Stevens of the '48 graduating class have remained at Mars Hill to serve on the staff this year.

Dramateers Present 'Riders to the Sea'

At seven-thirty p.m. September 21, 1948, the Dramateers opened a new season with the modern Irish classic, *Riders to the Sea*, by John M. Synge.

The production was directed by Miss Imogene Cowan of Ellerson, Virginia, a former student of Westhampton College of the University of Richmond and a graduate in fine arts from the Richmond Professional Institute of the College of William and Mary.

The members of the cast were the following: Netta Sue Caudill, Betty Jo Steele, Doris Carter, Clyde Moody, Ann Owen, Katherine Phillips, Lurene Ransome, Spencer Thornton, and Bob Solomon.

After the production the Dramateers had their first meeting in the studio. Plans for the season were discussed. Suggestions were made that a one-act play be presented every first and third Tuesday nights in the College Auditorium for members of the Dramatic Society. These plays are for training and entertaining members of the Dramatic Society. Three act plays will be presented for the enjoyment of the student body occasionally. Those interested in dramatics, please see Miss Cowan.

Miss Imogene Cowan, of Ellerson, Va., a former student of Westhampton College of the University of Richmond and a graduate in fine arts from the Richmond Professional Institute of the College of William and Mary, begins her duties as teacher of speech and director of dramatics.

Miss Betty Ann Crowell, of Tuxedo, N. C., a graduate of Stratford Junior College and Converse College, teaches Spanish.

Mrs. Pearle S. Head, formerly a resident of Mars Hill, now of Raleigh, returned this fall to be associated with Mr. John E. Marr in the new Book Store and Student Center. Her many friends welcome her back to the community.

Miss Dixie Hollowell, of Hendersonville, a Mars Hill College graduate, who was graduated second in a class of 239 members at Furman University last spring, is an instructor in the Department of English.

Mrs. John E. Marr, Jr., who has been with the college in other capacities, has been employed as bookkeeper for the college.

Mr. James A. Martin, of Asheville, begins his duties as steward in the dining hall. He has had eighteen years of experience in cafes and cafeterias and was a Chief Commissary Steward in the U. S. Navy, serving twenty-three months on an L.S.T. in the Pacific area.

Mr. James Peterson, of Norfolk, Va., comes to assist Mr. Marr in the College Bookstore. Mr. Peterson (Continued on Page 4)

MHC Band Parades for Legion Convention

The 1948-49 Mars Hill band paraded Saturday, September 11, in Asheville for the American Legion Convention. This was the first appearance of the year of the 46 member band, which was parading with 6 other bands of the state.

The parade started at 4:30 at the courthouse and paraded through streets of downtown Asheville ending at the Carolina Scenic Bus Station at 5:15. In addition to the seven bands, a naval reserve unit, a national guard detachment, and numerous drum and bugle corps marched. Four jet planes and eight Mustang fighter planes from the nearby Greenville, S. C., air base whizzed overhead. Crowds thronged the streets as the parade passed by and each section of the mile-long procession was greeted with shouts of exhilaration.

On September 16, the band made its second appearance as it played in the Chapel program. Numbers for the chapel concert included *America*, *The Beautiful*, *Alma Mater*, *Fight Song (On Wisconsin)*.

The band is scheduled for another Asheville performance when the Freedom Train comes to Asheville, on October 5. This concert is slated to last two hours either in the late evening or at night.

Where Credit Is Due

The Hilltop staff wishes to express their gratitude to the college for improved surroundings and equipment. We are grateful to Dr. Blackwell's office for our new typewriter. We are indebted to Mr. Tilson for a typewriter desk and for several small changes which make our working quarters more satisfactory. We deeply appreciate the consideration and cooperation which has been accorded us.

New Moller Organ Has Arrived

The Music Department has recently installed a two-manual Moller pipe organ in the music building. This organ, with pipes enclosed in a walnut cabinet, was purchased in the summer from the Moller Company in Hagerstown, Maryland, for approximately \$3,000. The addition of this organ will aid those students interested in organ music and will greatly facilitate practicing. The church organ will continue to be used for practicing purposes.

150 to Work In Glee Club, Choral Choirs

The Music Department at Mars Hill College is adopting this year a new system for the musical organization of the school. In addition to the regular Glee Club, two choral clubs will be organized for use on Sunday nights in the church. More than two hundred voices were tried for these three organizations before a hand-picked group of one hundred and fifty were finally accepted.

The Glee Club under the direction of Mrs. Elizabeth Logan Souther will be made up of approximately seventy students. From these seventy students a select group of forty will make numerous appearances on a week's tour which is being planned for the spring. The group will sing in many churches and hospitals during the fall. Mrs. Souther has announced that the Glee Club will also do some radio work this year. As has been the tradition at Mars Hill, gold honor keys will be awarded to those students who have good attendance at rehearsals and performances. The Glee Club will work with the Dramatics Department in an Operetta in the spring. (Continued on Page 4)

BSU Launches Year With Early Retreat Program

The annual Baptist Student Union Pre-School Retreat was held on the Mars Hill campus September 2-6. Those who attended the retreat were the members of the B.S.U. Council.

The theme of the year's retreat was "Thy Will Be Done." The scripture was Proverbs 3:5-6, and the song chosen was "Have Thine Own Way Lord."

Many inspiring and helpful messages were delivered during the four-day conference by various members of the Mars Hill faculty. Among those who talked with the council were Reverend Mr. Link, who stressed a closer tie between church and school; Dean Lee and Dr. Blackwell, who challenged their hearers to do a better job this year; and Mr. McLeod and Miss Underwood, together with other members of the faculty, who also offered challenges to the council.

A day's program included committee meetings, discussion groups led by Mr. Kendall and others, and workshops in which different units of the council made plans



for the year '48-'49. These plans were largely concerned with chapel programs. The aim of the retreat was to enlist and keep more students in Sunday School and Training Union. The B.S.U. officers for 1948-49 are: Frank Ingle, president; Rachel Ammons, town representative; Harriet Ellis, Y.W.A. president; Netta Sue Caudill, devotional vice-president; Milton Snyder, president of Volunteers for Christ; Janet Harris, social vice-president; Julius Mahon, mission council chairman; Bill Bowen, enlistment vice-president; Sarah (Continued on Page 4)