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Pictured are the leading characters in the forthcoming dramatic production, **Berkeley Square**. Seated, left to right, are: Elaine Gibson, Helen; and Jo Pittard as the Lady Anne Pettigrew. Standing, left to right, are: Katherine Philips as Kate; Dan Stallings as Peter Standish; and Bob Solomon as Mr. Throstle. (Photo by Stringfield.)

Dramateers to Present 'Berkeley Square' Saturday

On Saturday night at seven-thirty, November 13, the Mars Hill College Dramateers will present their first three-act production of the season, "Berkeley Square," by John L. Balderston.

The setting of the play is the ancestral mansion of Peter Standish on Berkeley Square in London. It is set in two periods, first in the twentieth century and then in the eighteenth century.

In "Berkeley Square" are found the many gorgeous and hooped skirt costumes which were so prominent in the eighteenth century London world. The stage set is to be one of the most elaborate used for many years by the Dramateers. It is now being built in the prop room under the direction of Miss Cowan, director, Willard Callis, technical director, and Hubert Gray, stage manager.

The cast will present many C-I's who are new to Mars Hill audiences, including Dan Stallings of Norfolk, Va., as Peter Standish; Jo Pittard, of Albany, Ga., as Lady Anne Pettigrew; Elaine Gibson, of Durham, as the heroine, Helen Pettigrew. C-I actors with whom Mars Hill is already familiar through their appearances in one-act plays are Keith Shealey, of Mooresville, as Tom Pettigrew; Beulah White, of Appamattox, Va., as Marjorie Frant; and Josie Kester, of Lakeland, Fla., as the maid. C-II participants are Bob Solomon, of Asheville, as Mr. Throstle; Katherine Philips, of Gastonia, as Kate Pettigrew; Willard Callis, of South Hill, Va., as Major Clinton; Beulah Durham, of Hickory, as Miss Barrymore; Joan Nivens, of Spartanburg, as the Duchess of Devonshire; Doris Carter, of Matthews, as Mrs. Barwick, the housekeeper; and Clyde Moody, of Union, S. C., as the American Ambassador to London.

Many hours of work both on the part of the student committees as well as Miss Cowan and the cast have gone into the preparation of this production.

MHC Glee Club Announces Concert Plans for '48-'49

The Mars Hill Glee Club, under the direction of Mrs. Elizabeth Logan Souther, already has on its 1948-49 schedule several out-of-town engagements in addition to on-the-campus programs.

First on the list of out-of-town activities is a trip to Charlotte, November 16 and 17, for the Baptist State Convention, to be held in the First Baptist Church.

The Glee Club will sing several numbers for the sessions of the convention on the seventeenth at 9:50 a.m. and 11:25 a.m. Miss Martha Biggers will accompany the group on the piano, and Miss Lucille Sawyer will accompany on the organ. A selected group will make the trip.

Many invitations have been received by the Glee Club from churches in the state, and a tour is being planned in April in which the Club will present an hour of sacred music.

Also on the agenda will be a Spring Concert presented in the college auditorium. This program will consist of both sacred and secular music.

Engagements in the near future will be the Christmas programs. Combining with the Men's and Women's Church Choirs and the String Ensemble, and orchestra, the Glee Club will present a program of Christmas music on Sunday, December 12 at 8 p. m., which will include several numbers from Handel's *Messiah*. Also, a Christmas program will be presented at the Veteran's Hospital at Oteen the third week in December.

Officers who have been chosen by the Glee Club are: Martha Maxwell, president; Dean Minton, vice-president; Valeria Wallace, secretary; Betty Stiles, treasurer; Charles Sinclair, business manager. (Continued on Page 4)

Study Course Begins Next Week

The annual Baptist Training Union study course will be taught the week of Nov. 8-12 during the chapel period. Students will select the topic they wish to take. Full credit will be given with the presentation of seals or certificates after the course has been satisfactorily completed. Following is a list of the courses and their teachers: **Deepening the Spiritual Life** by Dr. Pierce; **Alcohol the Destroyer** by Miss Stephens; **Investments in Christian Living** by Mr. DeShazo; **The People Called Baptists** by Mr. Wood; **What We Believe** by Mr. Howell; **Planning a Life** by Miss Sawyer; **Fields of Service** by Mr. Kendall; **Pilgrims' Progress** by Dr. Moore. There are approximately 850 enrolled for the study course this year.

Former Hilltoppers Visit MHC

On the week-end of October 29-31, Mars Hill College was host to a number of former HILLTOP staff members. Miss Phylis Ann Gentry, 1947-48 advisor, and A. C. Snow, feature writer during the same year, came up from Chapel Hill, where both are students at the University of North Carolina. Earl Gibson, associate editor 1946-47, also a student at U.N.C. stopped in Mars Hill en route to Knoxville to see the Carolina-Tennessee game. Miss Mary Ann Campbell, editor-in-chief 1947-48, who is now with the First National Bank of Hickory, was here for the week-end. Mrs. Lillian Miller Hearne, a member of the 1944-45 staff was on the campus Sunday, October 31. She is a housewife and the mother of two little daughters.

The visitors were entertained informally by several individuals and groups.

C-I's Elect Officers

In a recent chapel period the C-I class elected their class officers for the year. Those holding offices are: John Claypool, president; Ham Riner, vice-president; Ann Lynn, secretary; and Jimmy Page, treasurer. The student forum representative is James Johnson.

The sponsors for the C-I's are Mr. and Mrs. Ramon DeShazo.

Teachers Attend Wingate Conference

In its July meeting at Mars Hill college, the North Carolina Baptist Education Council decided to inaugurate this school year the practice of holding conferences at the various colleges of all teachers in the separate departments. Hitherto, conferences have been limited to heads of departments. The first of the departmental conferences, Social Science, was held at Wingate college, October 22 and 23.

Dean R. M. Lee, Miss Evelyn Underwood, Mr. William Cotton, and Miss Alice Reed represented the Mars Hill college Social Science department.

Topics for discussion at the meeting were: objectives of the Social Science departments, the courses offered by the Social Science department, and other problems of Junior and Senior colleges. Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, state supervisor of high schools, was a guest speaker.

"The conference was well worth the while," states Dean Lee, "and we are anticipating similar meetings of members of other departments at future dates."

Mars Hill college has invited the English teachers from other Baptist Colleges to meet here.

MHC Float Wins First Prize At Madison County Fair

The Mars Hill college Float made a fine showing in the Madison County Fair, in Marshall on Friday, October 22, winning first place and a cash prize. The float, which was decorated by a faculty committee and a group of art students, was covered with white crepe paper, and bore on either side the college seal. At the front were the United States flag and the Christian flag and at the rear were Society pennants.

The general theme of the float was Christian Education, the various aspects of which were represented by the following: Netta Sue Caudill, Christian Education; Harriet Ellis and Holmes Clay, a girl and boy seeking an education; Pauline Watts, Medicine; Paul Porter, Engineering; Valeria Wallace, Fine Arts; Frank Yandall, Physical Education; Kenneth Russell, Religious Education; Bettye Roberts, Business; Janice Aiken, Homemaking; and Loretta Ashworth and Eric Blackwell, Children.

The prize money is to be used to purchase a stand and a Christian flag for the auditorium.

MHC Students to Attend BSU Convention in Gastonia

The annual convention of the North Carolina Baptist Student Union will be held at the First Baptist Church in Gastonia, the week end of November 12, 13, and 14.

Registration is open to all college students, and many colleges are always represented at these meetings. Mars Hill has over 75 students who will make the trip to Gastonia. Those attending will be lodged in the homes of members of the congregation. The delegation from Mars Hill will be accompanied by Miss Evelyn Underwood and Miss Rachel Swann.

Convention activities begin with registration on Friday. The first meeting will be at 7:00 o'clock on Friday evening. Forums will be held on Saturday morning for the discussion of timely topics. Racial Problems in the South, Building a Christian Home, and many other

topics of interest to young people are on the list. Pastors from various churches in the State will lead these discussions.

Many well-known Southern Baptist leaders will be present at this convention. Among them are Rev. Maxie C. Collins of the First Baptist church of Gastonia, Dr. Theodore Adams of the First Baptist church of Richmond, and Dr. Harold Basden from the Department of Sociology in Mississippi State college. Also present at these meetings and in charge of special music will be the state music Director of the B. S. U., Milton Bliss, a former Mars Hill student now at the University of North Carolina, and Leonard Rollins, another Mars Hillian, who is now the devotional vice-president of the State B. S. U.

As special entertainment features a chicken supper will be given, and an informal group social held on Friday night.