

# Mars Hill Choral Groups Present Annual Christmas Programs

## Y. W. A. Observes Mission Week

The week of December 5-10 was observed as annual Young Women's Auxiliary Week on Mars Hill campus. The Auxiliary was responsible for all Watch services and all chapel programs during this week.

Several missionaries home on furlough and former missionaries addressed the students in the daily chapel services. Miss Alberta Steward, dean of girls in the Baptist College at Recife, Brazil, spoke in Monday's chapel on conditions in Brazil and the great need for workers there. Dr. Frank Lide, member of the faculty of Shanghai University, who is spending his furlough at Wake Forest spoke on Wednesday and Thursday. He reviewed the unsettled political status in China and stressed the

importance of greater missionary effort. On the final day, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones, former missionaries to Brazil, delivered their messages.

Each evening during the week, Miss Laura Frances Snow, North Carolina W.M.U. Field Worker, taught a study course book, entitled "Light of the Whole World." This study course proved exceedingly interesting and was attended by numerous students.

The week was climaxed with a candlelight church service Friday night at 7:00 o'clock, at which time the congregation was given an opportunity to contribute to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering, an offering collected each year for the support of Baptist foreign missions.

Sunday, December 12 the Mars Hill College Glee Club joined the Asheville choirs and glee clubs in presenting Handel's *Messiah* at the Asheville Civic Auditorium. Allen Brown of Mars Hill College was the tenor soloist for the program. Immediately after this concert a select group of Glee Club members journeyed to Oteen Hospital for Disabled Veterans to present a program which was broadcast through the hospital in the Protestant chapel. Ed Getzman was guest solo violinist and for the carol program Ed Collins accompanied the group on the piano. This service began at 8 P. M.

The following Monday night the Glee Club with the two choral choirs, the string ensemble, and the college orchestra joined in presenting a program of Christmas music in the Mars Hill Auditorium. The first half of the program was devoted to carols beginning with a French carol "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence." The string ensemble accompanied the girls on three of the carols. The second part of the program was devoted to solos, groups and chorus. Soloists for the program were Allen Brown and Dean Minton, tenors; Paul Barwick and Bill Stapleton, baritones; Gretchen Rufty and Barbara Morris, sopranos; and Margaret Lee and Martha Maxwell, mezzo-sopranos. A trio composed of Valeria Wallace, Martha Kelly, and Betty Neighbors sang "Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head." A duo, Barbara Morris and Romaine Brown, sang "A Merry Christmas." The second half of the program consisted of selections from Handel's *Messiah*.

Tuesday, December 14 at 2:45 P. M. a selected group of the Glee Club went to Asheville to present a fifteen minute broadcast over radio station W.W.N.C. This program was made up of Christmas music.



Since it appears that we will not be able to see the "real McCoy" before Christmas holidays, The Hilltop staff has decided to try to take all Florida and some Georgia and Louisiana students out of the misery and show them what snow looks like. The beautiful white stuff you view above was the answer to Mars Hill's plea for a white Christmas last year. (The Editors.)

## MHC Dramateers Stage Dickens' 'Christmas Carol'

Apropos to the Christmas season, the dramateers presented C. W. Greenwood's adaptation of Dickens' Christmas Carol, Wednesday, December 8, at 7 P. M. in the college auditorium. Herbert Gray served as student director. As reader, Miss Cowan furnished the connecting links between the nine staves. The characters were dressed in the conventional British costumes. In order of their appearance they were: Spirit of Christmas (as reader) Imogene Cowan; Scrooge, Herbert Gray; Bob Cratchit, Jim Hadden; Collector, Dan Stallings; Nephew, Spencer Thornton; Marley, Jack Coffee; Ghost of Christmas Past, Betty Jo Steele; Young Girl, Evelyn Coker; Young Scrooge, Rudy Singleton; Ghost of Christmas Present, Beulah White; Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come, Betty Pate; Wife, Berrel Riley; Tiny Tim, Loretta Ashworth; Peter

### The Call of Home

By Betty Sanders

The still frosted air,  
The molten gray sky,  
The smoke curls from chimneys,  
Hint that Christmas is near.

The drag of every hour,  
The bore of dusty books,  
The weight of unwanted thought,  
Cannot numb our festive cheer.

The smell of cedar lures us,  
The candles weave enchantment,  
The mistletoe is calling,  
To home—far, far from here.

### Apologies

The Hilltop staff wishes to apologize to Thomas C. Frazier of the Chemistry department for the incorrect listing of the Clio-Phi Faculty officers in the November 20 issue, in the article entitled "Clio-Phis Hold Joint Meeting." Mr. Frazier took part in the meeting.

The Hilltop also wishes to apologize to Miss Anna Owen over the incorrect spelling of her name in the article about the Florida Club under News Briefs in the same issue.

Cratchit, Albert Blackwell; Cratchit Girl, Hannah Blackwell. The stage manager was Willard Callis, and the Manager of Lights was Bob Ingram.

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