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Exams Begin Monday; Registration Plans Near Completion

Examinations on the work of the first semester of the 1948-49 college year will be held January 17-22. The schedule is printed elsewhere in this issue. Registration for the spring semester will be conducted in the Science Building, Monday and Tuesday, January 24-25, beginning at 9:00 A. M. Students whose last names begin with the letters M-Z will register on Monday. Those whose names begin with A-L will register Tuesday. This procedure is a reversal of the usual alphabetical order. No changes will be made in class schedules except where conflicts occur, or where a student is taking up a new subject. Desired changes must be discussed with the heads of departments involved.

During the spring semester Mars Hill College will provide classes in remedial reading for those students who feel the need of improving their reading skills. The classes, which will be taught by Miss Imogene Cowan, will meet two hours each week. They are shown credit courses.

Beginning courses offered for credit will be: History 11, Accounting, English 11, English 23, Economic Geography, Biology 11 (Zoology), Math 11, Typing 1, Economic History, Economics of the Bible, Geology, and possibly shorthand.

In the new semester, the chapel period will be 10:00 to 10:30. Classes following chapel will be on the half hour. The present schedule will be adhered to in so far as possible, with only necessary changes being made.

Nonpareils Hold Forensic Election

The Forensic term officers of the Nonpareil Literary Society were elected Thursday, December 16. They are Dottie Brinson, New Bern, president; Martha Maxwell, Memphis, vice-president; Catherine Jennings, Roanoke, secretary; Macklyn Mackie, Granite Falls, censor; Anna Owen, Tampa, chaplain; Mirian Quigley, Atlanta, pianist; Betty Styles, Trion, Ga., chorister; Barbara Myers, Lancaster, S. C., treasurer; Polly Patton, Morganton, historian; Anita Watts, Greenville, Ala., reporter.

Former Trustee Dies

Mr. W. H. Wray, prominent automobile dealer of Gastonia, N. C., died on December 22, 1948. Mr. Wray retired last November from the Board of Trustees of Mars Hill College, after serving for 16 years. The faculty, staff and student body extend sympathy to Mrs. Wray and other relatives.



Pictured are the presidents of the girls' dormitories at Mars Hill College. They are (left to right): Macklyn Mackie, Edna Moore; Jeannette Jones, Stroup; Jessie Barnard, Spilman; and Peggy Garren, Huffman. (Photo by Walters).

Poetry by Four MHC Students Published in *America Sings*

Christmas Sees Two MHC Students Wed

The Christmas holidays were certainly extra-special occasions for two MHC students.

Bobby McElrath was married to Betty Duck, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Duck of West Asheville, December 24. The wedding took place in the West Asheville Baptist Church. The program of wedding music was presented by Jim Crisp and Bill Smith, also students of the college. The bride attended Sand Hill High School and was also in the class of '46 at Mars Hill College. The couple are now living in Mars Hill.

December 27, Carl Sims was married to Virginia Rebecca Hensley, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Clifford Hensley of Enka. The wedding took place at the Enka Baptist Church. The bride is a graduate of Sand Hill High School and attended Asheville Biltmore College. Mr. and Mrs. Sims are now living in Mars Hill.

Home Ec Club Elects Officers

The Home Economics club elected new officers at the regular meeting, December 13, 1948. They are: Katherine Dobbs, president; Kathleen Coston, vice-president; Eunice Hiatt, secretary; Annie Jean Mosteller, treasurer; Nancy Ijames, reporter. They were installed January 10 by the old officers: Nellie Joyce, Claire Bowers, Kathleen Coston, and Beth Lennon. The meeting was concluded with talks on etiquette and fashions. A social hour brought to an end the first 1949 meeting.

The National Poetry Association of Los Angeles, California, each year publishes an anthology of representative American college poetry entitled, *America Sings*. The anthology is a compilation of the finest poetry submitted to the association by college men and women representing every state in the union. The poems were selected from a group of approximately twenty-five thousand poems which were submitted.

This year Mars Hill college is greatly honored by having poems of four of her students accepted for publication. Betty Ferrell, Katherine Philips, Walter Smith, and Clyde G. Moody submitted poetry and a poem by each was accepted.

All four students have taken an active part in the campus publications. Miss Philips and Mr. Moody are editors of the *Laurel* and *Hilltop* respectively, and Miss Ferrel and Mr. Smith have done

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Dramateers to Stage *Arsenic and Old Lace*

Miss Imogene Cowan, director of the Dramateers, has recently announced that the principal actors of the forthcoming comedy, *Arsenic and Old Lace*, have been chosen. The production is scheduled for the latter part of February. Jo Pittard, who is playing the part of Abby Brewster, and Beulah White, who is dramatizing Martha Brewster, will lead the roster of characters. Other cast members who have been selected are: Rudy Singleton, Willard Callis, Katherine Philips, Herbert Gray, Clyde G. Moody, Bob Solomon, and Dan Stallings.

The remaining members of the cast will have been selected by the date of publication.

Dorm Officers Work With House Mothers For Better Dormitory Government

Southern Premiere of *Down in the Valley* Acclaimed Success

The Music and Dramatic Departments of Mars Hill college presented, on the evening of January 8, 1949, the colorful new folk opera, "Down in the Valley."

The story of an old American ballad, "Down in the Valley," the opera is the work of Arnold Sundgaard and Kurt Weill, who have collaborated and produced a delightful libretto and a superb musical score. Woven around the theme song, "Down in the Valley," are the ballads, "The Lonesome Dove," "Hop Up, My Ladies," "The Little Black Train," and "Sourwood Mountain."

Stars of the production were Margaret Lee of Mars Hill, Dean Minton of North Wilkesboro, and Bill Stapleton of Charlotte, who were magnificently supported by a chorus of thirty picked voices and the College Orchestra. The opera was under the musical direction of Mr. James Hall, of the Music Department; and Miss Imogene Cowan, of the Dramatics Department, staged the production.

During February 4 and 5, the Music Department of the College will sponsor a Choral Clinic on our campus. This Clinic will be composed of one hundred young people from all over this part of the state. These young people will be picked from their high school glee clubs and will prepare a concert here under the direction of Paul Young, Director of the Glee Club of the University of North Carolina.

For the second consecutive year, the girls in each dormitory have organized themselves in order to participate jointly with the Dean of Women and house mothers in dormitory government.

Last year the girls worked out a constitution and experimented with improving their organizational set-up.

Officers for each dormitory are elected in house meetings at the beginning of each semester. They are: the president; vice-president, who has charge of social activities; secretary; and chaplain, who conducts devotional activities.

Council Is Formed

The house presidents and secretaries from the different dormitories jointly form the Girls' Council which elects its own presiding officer. The council is a medium for disseminating information, planning activities, and, acting with the house mothers, for dealing with minor cases of discipline. The president of the council is the connecting link between the girls and the administration. Jessie Barnard is council president this semester.

The girls' organization takes care of many problems among themselves. Other problems of maintaining satisfactory living conditions, giving permissions, issuing supplies, comforting the homesick, and all the miscellaneous duties implied by the word "mother," still fall to the house mother.

Council Has Manifold Purpose

The inauguration of a limited form of student participation in campus government is designed to serve a manifold purpose: to give the girls some voice in their house affairs, help develop a sense of responsibility, and further cooperation between students and administration.

January 17-22, 1949		
All classes meeting at	Will have examination on	
8:00 MWF.....	Monday,	Jan. 17 (8:00 - 10:00)
2:30 TTS.....	Monday,	Jan. 17 (10:30 - 12:30)
8:00 TTS.....	Monday,	Jan. 17 (2:30 - 4:30)
9:00 MWF.....	Tuesday,	Jan. 18 (8:00 - 10:00)
1:30 TTS.....	Tuesday,	Jan. 18 (10:30 - 12:30)
9:00 TTS.....	Tuesday,	Jan. 18 (2:30 - 4:30)
10:00 MWF.....	Wednesday,	Jan. 19 (8:00 - 10:00)
3:30 TTS.....	Wednesday,	Jan. 19 (10:30 - 12:30)
10:00 TTS.....	Wednesday,	Jan. 19 (2:30 - 4:30)
11:00 MWF.....	Thursday,	Jan. 20 (8:00 - 10:00)
4:30 MWF.....	Thursday,	Jan. 20 (10:30 - 12:30)
11:00 TTS.....	Thursday,	Jan. 20 (2:30 - 4:30)
2:30 MWF.....	Friday,	Jan. 21 (8:00 - 10:00)
12:30 MWF.....	Friday,	Jan. 21 (10:30 - 12:30)
1:30 MWF.....	Friday,	Jan. 21 (2:30 - 4:30)
3:30 MWF.....	Saturday,	Jan. 22 (8:00 - 10:00)
Others and Specials.....	Saturday,	Jan. 22 (10:30 - 12:30)