

MHC Honored By Visit Of Distinguished Guatemalans

Mars Hill has been honored the past week with the presence of two personalities from one of our Central American neighbor countries, Guatemala. Senora Maria Munoz de Sosa M. and her daughter, Senorita Maria Sosa, arrived on campus January 4, after celebrating Christmas in Washington, D. C. with the Guatemalan Ambassador. They flew from the Guatemalan capital to New Orleans, a six hours flight. From there, they traveled by train to Washington.

Sixteen year old, black-haired Maria will be a familiar figure on campus, since she is enrolled in the Commercial Department for the spring semester. However, her mother departed Monday on her return journey to Guatemala. She will spend several days in New Orleans shopping. About the middle of January, she and her husband, Senor Julia Sosa M., will begin a lengthy tour of South America. Senor Sosa, employed by a Canadian insurance firm, received the tour as reward for extraordinary services during the past year.

Sousa Son Studies In Canada

Julia Sosa, eighteen year old son of the Sosas, is enrolled as a medical student at McGill University in Montreal, Canada. Julia studied at Mars Hill for two months last year, April and May.

Since two years ago, Senora de Sosa has made four visits to the United States and Canada. Although she speaks with an accent, her English is unusually fluent. English idioms, she states, are

quite a problem, and must be memorized. When asked why she and her husband desire that their children study in the United States, Senora de Sosa replied: "Guatemala is a very poor, but very beautiful country. Our children need to see much more than they can see there." Guatemalan climate is similar to our spring the entire year. The country, itself, corresponds in size to the state of North Carolina. Their chief exports are coffee, sugar, and bananas. Guatemalan government is democratic, led by a president, with his cabinet. The de Sosas are intimate friends of the young, blue-eyed president and of numerous other government officials.

Educational Advantages In Guatemala Limited

Educational opportunities in Guatemala are limited. Primary and Secondary English-American schools are the two educational institutions in that country. Students study English there just as they study their native tongue, Spanish. The de Sosa's two youngest children, boys aged ten and four years, can already speak a little English. Maria completed two years of Business in her native country; now, she will translate this course into English. Senora de Sosa finds it more difficult to understand Southern conversation than conversation of the North. "Here," she says, meaning the South, "you use too many idioms. However, I understand you better now than I could two years ago."

Ninety-One Students Meet Weekly in The Ministerial Conference

This year the Ministerial Conference has an enrollment of ninety-one members, composed of students who are studying for the ministry or for service in churches as music or religious educational directors.

The attendance for the fall semester has been very good, and a great deal of enthusiasm has been displayed.

The Conference meets weekly on Thursday nights at 7:30 in Wall 34. During the fall semester there have been lectures on subjects of Baptist doctrines and pastoral duties and problems brought by faculty members. Student members have read scriptures, led in devotions, and brought messages.

The Conference enjoys the fellowship and aid of its faculty advisors, Mr. Wood, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Harris, Mr. Highfill, and Mr. Link.

Recently each member of the Conference was presented with a copy of Dr. Zemo Wall's book, "A Day for God-Called Men." This gift was made possible by a devoted couple who are interested in young ministers.

Russell Fitts is president of the Ministerial Conference and George N. Knight is reporter.

Sunrise Service

By Betty Gene Sanders

Behind our rooms, we climbed a hill.
From the hill we peeped over God's window sill.
God's love our hearts did more than fill
As we heard Him say, "Peace, be still."

We were sitting upon God's palm.
As we sang an opening psalm,
We looked across the land—
From the hollow of God's hand.

Distinguished Baptist Workers Visit Campus

Miss Hilda Mayo, the North Carolina W.M.U. Young People's secretary, visited Mars Hill campus last week-end. While she was here, she conducted conferences with the members of the Council of the Young Women's Auxiliary, and plans were made for Y. W. A. activities next semester.

Miss Mayo is a graduate of Mars Hill college. When she completed her work here she studied in the Training School in Louisville, Kentucky. Since that time she has been working with the Missionary Board in North Carolina.

Miss Alda Grayson, who has just returned from her mission field in China, also visited here the early part of last week. She addressed the student body in chapel Tuesday.

America Sings

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extensive work on the Hilltop, the latter as Sports editor.

Copies of the poems appearing in *America Sings*, submitted by this group, will appear on the editorial page of this paper with the exception of that of Mr. Moody, *My Prayer*, which was published in an earlier edition.

AMONG OUR ALUMNI

Merle Stevens '47, who has been outstanding in debating and forensics at the University of North Carolina, was married to Josef E. Ryberg, Jr. Dec. 21, 1948, in Florence Baptist Church, Forest City, N. C. Mr. Ryberg is also a student at U.N.C.

James Farmer, '47, after his graduation from the University of North Carolina in June 1949, expects to go to England to begin work on a Master's degree in English, language, and literature.

A recent edition of the *Biblical Recorder* carried a picture of J. C. Mitchell, Mars Hill '47, and an account of his ordination to full-time Christian ministry. J. C., a senior at Wake Forest and pastor of the Kittrell church, was B. S. U. President at Mars Hill and took a prominent part in athletics.

During the latter part of Christmas holidays, Neal Ellis '46 paid a visit to the campus to arrange for the entrance of his younger brother for the 1949-50 session. Neal, who was active in religious work when a student here, attends Roanoke College and participates widely in young people's work in the state of Virginia.

John Brinegar '46, tenor soloist in the Christmas performance of Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, has made an outstanding record in the school of music at the University of North Carolina. John sings in the choir of the Presbyterian church in Chapel Hill, and has on several occasions been soloist with the Glee Club. He has completed work for his A.B. degree and expects to receive his B.M. next July.

MHC Clubs Meet, Hold Election of Officers, and Discuss Interesting Programs In Fields of Interest

Mars Hill's honor clubs held their final meetings of the semester last Tuesday night.

The International Relations club met in Stroup at 7:30. Lee Rhodes, Allen Dunn, Lloyd Rector, Alva Stucky, and John McAllister gave talks on "Road to Survival," rated the book of the century on current events. Other modern books on world affairs were discussed, followed by the election of officers for the next semester.

"Shorthand, A Gateway to Success," was the topic for discussion at the Business club meeting in Huffman parlor at 7:30. Catherine Walls spoke on "A Brief History of Shorthand," Dot Spahr on "The Gregg System of Shorthand," Bettye Roberts on "The Thomas Natural System of Shorthand," and Peggy Rae Yount on "The Pitman System of Shorthand." Following the program was the election of officers.

The French club discussed famous people in French history. Talks were made on Catherine de Medici, by Roberta Lucas, Charles VIII, by Jackie Collins; Henry IV, by Betty Revan; Jeanne D'Arc, by Hazel Bumgarner; Louis XIV, Wiley Wiley; Madame de Maintenon, by Malcolm Harrell; Louis XVI, by Rose Simmons; Marie Antoinette by Geneva Ammons; Napoleon, by Bobby McElrath; and Josephine, by Betty Mayhugh. The program and officers' election took place in

MHC Faculty Holds Offices in Professional Groups

Several members of the Mars Hill College faculty have prominent parts in professional organizations and activities of the campus.

At the recent meeting of the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges, in Memphis, Dear R. M. Lee was made a member of the Executive Committee of Junior Colleges.

Mrs. Ruby Hudson Cox is secretary of the Junior College Division of the Southern Business Education Association. She was elected to the post at Association meeting in New Orleans, Nov. 26-27.

J. Roy Prince, Dean of Men and professor of Spanish, is 1948-49 President of the Modern Language division of the North Carolina Education Association.

M. H. Kendall, professor of Greek and Bible, is now writing weekly commentaries on the Sunday School lessons for the *Biblical Recorder*. A picture of Mr. Kendall and a brief biographical sketch appeared in the January *Recorder*.

A BIT OF WIT

Here we sit,
Hand in hand
Fingers clasp
Intertwine,
Here we sit
Hand in hand
Hers in hers
Mine in mine.

—Lenoir Rhynean.

MHC Students "Make Good"

The December *All-Indian Baptist* carries an article by Robert Sieg, Mars Hill '39, who is attached to the Laguna Mission, Laguna, New Mexico.

Enclosing a donation to the building fund, Anne Bishop Ray (Mrs. Walter B.) writes that she is enjoying her work as financial secretary at Tabernacle Baptist Church, Raleigh.

Huber Dixon, Mars Hill '35, Wake Forest '37, is completing this spring his B.D. degree at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Christmas messages were received from scores of alumni. Among them were:

Gregory Castro, originally from Cuba, Mars Hill '28, now air-conditioning engineer with CBS in New York City.

Iva Jo West '49, now at the Navajo medical center, Fort Defiance, Arizona.

James Sawyer '38 and Mildred Harden Sawyer, former member of the Mars Hill College faculty. James, brother of Miss Lucille Sawyer, is an engineer located in Cincinnati.

Dr. Franklin B. Wilkins, '33, Dr. George Leiby '26, and Louise Wilkins Leiby '24, of Birmingham General Hospital, Van Nuys, Cal. Dr. Wilkins is chief surgeon in the hospital.

Ruth Knotts '47, who is pursuing nurses' training at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Great Progress Is Made in Improvements Around Campus

That Mars Hill College is entering a progressive year is seen in many changes and improvements being made. The lower floor of Spilman dormitory, previously used as a dining hall, is being renovated and repainted. Shelves are being installed. The room will be used temporarily as a reserve library and periodical reading room. Eight thousand volumes, previously stored in boxes in Stroup attic, are being added to the collection of books already in use. The room in which the Reserve Library is now located will be used as a classroom.

The annex of the old dining hall is being divided into six offices for the English department and the publications. A maintenance shop is to be located in the area which previously served as kitchen and storage room. The present shop, located in the Science building, may possibly be converted into classrooms.

Laying of tile on the downstairs floor in the Coyte Bridges Dining Hall completes the construction of the building. Work on grading and beautifying the surroundings has been suspended until better weather.

Almost all of the dormitory floors have been waxed and polished in the last few weeks. The halls and parlors of the girls dormitories were polished; the halls and boy's rooms in Treat were waxed and polished.