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First Semester Graduates Make Plans for Future

Three students graduated from Mars Hill College at the end of the first semester. They are Margaret M. Howell, William C. McIver, and Joseph R. Eller.

Margaret is planning to teach in grammar school next semester near her home in Roanoke, Alabama. Next fall she will enter Furman University where she will continue her liberal arts course which she began here. She plans to become an English teacher. While a student at Mars Hill, Margaret has belonged to the Scriblerus club, the M-blem club, and Nonpareil Literary Society. She was also B.S.U. president during the last summer term.

William, better known as Bill, is from Marion, N. C. He is going to Clemson next semester. There he plans to begin a pre-med course. Bill played football both this year and last. He belonged to the M-Club and to Philomathian Literary Society.

Joseph will enter Furman next semester. There he will continue his liberal arts course. He is a ministerial student. Joseph entered Mars Hill in the fall of 1947 and attended summer school here last summer. He lives in Asheville, and commutes daily.

Former Faculty Members Announce Daughter's Marriage

Dr. and Mrs. Walter E. Wilkins, of Jacksonville, Fla., both former members of the Mars Hill faculty, have announced the marriage of their daughter, Miss Kathrine Gene Wilkins, to Knut Erik Tranoy, of Oslo, Norway.

The wedding took place on New Year's Day in Oslo, with the bride wearing the traditional Norwegian wedding costume. Mr. and Mrs. Tranoy will reside in Paris, where Mr. Tranoy is on the staff of the Carnegie Foundation for International Peace.

Notice

Beginning Monday morning, January 31, at 8:30 o'clock, students may come by the President's Office and reserve their rooms for the 1949-50 session. A student may hold the room which he is now occupying if he will sign up for it by Saturday, February 5. A room cannot be reserved until the necessary \$5.00 room deposit is paid. If you are already in one of the college buildings then the \$5.00 which you paid last year will reserve a room for you for the 1949-50 session.

Frances Snelson,
Assistant to the President.

Dr. Gerald Wendt Speaks Tonight in Mars Hill College Auditorium

Dr. Gerald Wendt, Editor of *Science Illustrated*, and distinguished author of *Science for the World of Tomorrow* and *The Atomic Age Opens*, speaks to Mars Hill College students tonight at eight o'clock in the College Auditorium. Dr. Wendt uses as his subject, "Vast Public Domain Created by Science."

Giving up a career in scientific research in 1938 to become director of science and education at the New York World's Fair, Dr. Wendt became science editor of *Time* magazine. During World War I, he was captain in the United States Chemical Warfare Service. For seven years, he was dean of the School of Chemistry and Physics at Pennsylvania State College, and also has been associate professor of chemistry at the University of Chicago.

Dr. Wendt mentions the Louisiana Purchase of 1810 and the Alaskan purchase in 1867 as top national expenditures. However, they both proved to be "superb investments." "Today we spend billions and get that much bigger



Dr. Wendt

returns," states Dr. Wendt. Scientific research belongs to the American people, and a great future lies ahead for America. Dr. Wendt predicts that "there will be more changes in the way we live in the next ten years than there have been in the past fifty." He will discuss the problems arising from American capital invested in chemical research.

Ijames and Moody Submit Plays to Drama Festival

Two Mars Hill College students, Nancy Ijames and Clyde G. Moody, have submitted original plays to the 1949 Drama Festival which will be held at Chapel Hill in March. Each year the plea is sent out from the University of North Carolina for college and high school students to enter their original plays in the annual Drama Festival which is sponsored by the Carolina Dramatic Association. This year, *Tied*, an American mountain comedy, by Clyde G. Moody, and *Without Alimony*, a comedy devoted to the theme of divorce, by Nancy Ijames, are being submitted to the festival. Miss Ijames wrote *Without Alimony* this year and submitted it to the MHC creative writing class for criticism. Mr. Moody's play was written last summer while he was studying creative writing at Wofford College and was also submitted to the Mars Hill creative writing class for criticism. If they are accepted by the Carolina Dramatic Association, they will be produced in the Playmaker's Theatre in Chapel Hill in March.

The Dramateers will also present a one-act play by a professional author. This play has not been chosen yet, but it will be selected soon and rehearsals begun immediately in preparation for the trip to Chapel Hill.

Betty Gene Sanders and Betty Ferrell recently submitted short stories to the magazine, *Tomorrow*. They will be entered in the

Miss F. Snelson Represents MHC At Programs

January 13, 1949, Miss Frances Snelson, assistant to Dr. Blackwell, attended the annual college day program at Greensboro high school, as Mars Hill's representative. There were twenty-eight colleges and universities represented.

Miss Snelson also attended the college day observance at Boyden high school in Salisbury, January 14. Twenty-one colleges were represented there. These college day programs were inaugurated several years ago for the purpose of affording to high school seniors the opportunity to consult representatives of various colleges and acquire information concerning institutions of higher learning.

Miss Snelson stated that she interviewed many students who were interested in coming to Mars Hill College next session.

National Short Story Collegiate Contest sponsored by *Tomorrow*. Miss Sanders has entitled her story "Like Mother, Like Daughter." The name of the story written by Miss Ferrell is "Socrates Brought to Life in 1948."

Mademoiselle announces a short-story contest for young women between the ages of eighteen and thirty. One thousand dollars in prizes will be awarded to winners. Further information is available in *The Hilltop* office.

Honor Clubs Hold Election of Officers

The honor clubs have elected their officers to serve during the second semester. The Scriblerus club officers are: president, Walter Smith, Pensacola, Florida; vice-president; Lita Mauldin, Charlotte; and secretary-treasurer, Shirley Robertson, Richmond, Virginia. The officers of the French club are: president, David Anderson, Mars Hill; vice-president, Geneva Ammons, Mars Hill; and secretary, Roberta Lucas, Gastonia. The officers of the Spanish club are: president, Anne Bailey, Pensacola, Florida; vice-president, Linda Hudspeth, Winston-Salem; and secretary, George Ingram, Richmond, Virginia.

The International Relations club has elected: president, Janet Harris, Thomasville; program vice-president, John McAllister, Raleigh; social vice-president, Mildred Swann, Statesville; and secretary, Beulah Johnson, Quantico, Virginia. Leary Reid, Jacksonville, Alabama, is president of the Science club, and the other officers are: vice-president, Shirley Schellenburg, Lancaster, South Carolina, and secretary, Martha Norman, Cherry Lane.

Minimum requirements for membership in the honor clubs are: thirty or more quality points earned during the preceding semester, a grade of at least B on the subject represented by the club, and no grade below C. C-I's meeting the preceding and other specific requirements of the various clubs will be invited to join at the beginning of spring semester.

Blackwell, Lee Attend Council

Dean R. M. Lee and President Hoyt Blackwell spent January 18 and 19 in Raleigh, attending the first 1949 meeting of the North Carolina Baptist Education Council.

Presidents, deans and members of the boards of trustees from the six Baptist colleges in the State compose the Council. The colleges are: Campbell, Gardner - Webb, Mars Hill, Meredith, Wake Forest, and Wingate. The Rev. W. Perry Crouch, of Asheville, chairman of the Committee on Education of the North Carolina Baptist Convention, is president of the Council.

The Council operates through the following committees: Finance, Correlation, Christian Emphasis, and Church-School Relations. The July meeting of the Council will be held at Mars Hill College.

Music Department Sponsors Choral Clinic on Campus

Next week, February 4 and 5, the Music Department of Mars Hill College will sponsor a Choral Clinic on our campus. This clinic will be composed of 15 music directors and 105 high school students from high school glee clubs over Western North Carolina, who will be directed by Paul Young of the University of North Carolina. Students from the following schools will participate: Black Mountain, Weaverville, Valdese, Lee Edwards High School in Asheville, Newton-Conover, Shelby, Belmont, Hendersonville, Mooresville, Mars Hill, North Wilkesboro, Cramerton, Dallas, and Waynesville.

A full schedule is planned for the students. Arriving on the campus Friday morning, they will begin rehearsals immediately. Friday night they will be entertained at a banquet in the College Cafeteria. Mr. Paul B. Fry, director of music in the Albermarle Schools, and president of the North Carolina Choral Association has been invited to speak at the banquet. Saturday morning rehearsals will be resumed and brought to a climax with a concert Saturday night.

STUDENTS TRAINED IN LEADERSHIP

Included in the concert will be such folk tunes as the "Orchestra Song" by William Schuman; the "Ballad of Brother," a recent work of Joseph Wagner; and the concert will conclude with the well-known "Gloria" by Mozart. Several students of Voice at Mars Hill College are being trained to lead the different choral groups. They are: Gretchen Rufty and Martha Maxwell, sopranos; Janice Aiken and Margaret Lee, altos; Allen Brown and Oscar Northern, tenors; Bill Stapleton and Harold Stevens, basses.

Mrs. Elizabeth Logan Souther, Mr. Elwood Roberts, and Mrs. James Hall compose the Clinic committee here on the campus.

This Clinic will be the first held in Western North Carolina. The purpose of the clinic is to stimulate interest in choral music in this part of the state. Tentative plans of the Music Department include annual clinics sponsored by the College.

Mr. Young is an Associate Professor of Music at the University of North Carolina, where he has been for the past three years. He obtained his B.S. at the University of Ohio and his M.A. at Columbia University and was a member of the Adjudication Board for the annual State Choral Contest last year. Besides teaching voice at U. N. C., he is the Director of the 175 voice men's chorus and the 150 voice women's chorus. He is well-known in his work and has conducted choral clinics of this sort throughout the eastern part of the United States.