

## Arsenic And Old Lace Delights MH Audience

**Arsenic And Old Lace**, the spring production of the Mars Hill College Dramateers, was presented here Saturday night, February 19, 1949, at 8:00 o'clock.

The Brewster Sisters, Abby and Martha, were cleverly portrayed by Jo Pittard and Beulah White. Among their many other charities they were addicted to giving lonely old men arsenic in their elderberry wine.

Their nephew, Teddy, believing himself to be President Theodore Roosevelt, spent his spare time from cabinet duties in digging the Panama Canal in the Brewster cellar, where the arsenic victims are buried in the various locks of the canal.

Dr. Harper often disturbs the "charitable" duties of the sisters by calling for afternoon tea. He was characterized by Robert Solomon. Elaine Harper, the minister's daughter, portrayed by Katherine Phillips, disturbs the peace and quiet of the house by falling in love with another of the sisters' nephews, Mortimer, dramatically interpreted by Willard Callis.

Dr. Einstein, terrifying plastic surgeon, capably portrayed by Clyde G. Moody, accompanies Jonathan, the sisters' so-called "mean" nephew, played by Herbert Gray, on a visit to the Brewster home for one maddening night. They bring with them their very dead friend, Mr. Spinalzo, played by Dewey Williams.

The plot is further complicated when President Roosevelt blows his horn through the night and the neighbors summon the cops, played by John Andrews, Faulton Hodge, and Allen Chandler.

The play dramatically comes to a close as the superintendent of a sanatorium arrives to take Teddy Roosevelt. Mr. Witherspoon, interpreted by Dan Stallings, plays the part of the superintendent. The play ends on a tense moment as the sisters offer Mr. Witherspoon a glass of elderberry wine with arsenic in it.

Among other outstanding parts of the play was the realistic set built by Director Cowan and her associates. The play as a whole evidenced thorough preparation and was enthusiastically received by the large audience.

## Societies Present Temperance Readings

Thursday, the twenty-fourth of February, the Temperance Readings of the Clio and Nonpareil Literary Societies will be given. The Nonpareils giving readings are Doris Ann Link, Anne Roberts, Mary Stroman, Blanche Richards, Barbara Myers, Carolyn Warren, and Diane Williams. The Clios are Thelma Angel, Margaret Stewart, Catherine Phillips, Anne Bailey, Marian Phillips, Louise Stewart, and Sarah Turner.

The following Friday night, the Philomathian Literary Society will present the Temperance readings. The Phis giving readings are Davey Ward, Edward Elliot, Bill Ray, and Ernest Sites. The Euthalians had their readings Wednesday, the sixteenth of February. Ed Ramseur won first place and Frank Gribble won second place.

Each society will have contests for the first, second, and third places. Those who win these honors will compete with the winners of the other society during Commencement for the final honors.

## Ninety-eight In MHC Dean's List

Setting a new record at Mars Hill, 98 students made the dean's list with 40 or more quality points. They are: Vernell Abernathy, Janice Aiken, Thelma Angell, Anne Bailey, Effie Ballard, Marjorie Barnes, Betty Bennett, Betsy Bizzell, Shirley Boughman, Jo Anne Britt, Allen Brown, Brevard Brown, Anne Carlton, Doris Cash, Edward Cavanaugh, Betty Chambless, Harry Clause, John Claypool, Nancy Cook, Madelyn Cottle, Jim Crisp, Rebecca Cumby, June Curl, Jean Danner, Paul Davis, Jean Deal, Dorothy Dixon, Luther Dunn, Betty Eaton, Peggy Essex, Gerry Fossum, Roberta Foster, Winston Francis-Lau, Charles Granville, Nancy Glosser, Margot Grimes, Barbara Hale, Frank Harris, William Helvey, Annette Hollis, Margaret Howell, Nancy Ijames, Harry Jackson, Margaret James, Catherine Jennings, Mae Johnson, Mariam Katiba, George Knight, John Lambert, Beth Lennon, Barbara Lilley, Frank Litaker, Michael McGee, Ella McIver, Lita Maldin, Martha Maxwell, Gordon Middleton, Barbara Morris, Harold Newman, Bruce Olive, Bennie Parks, Bonnie Pearce, John Peck, Ben Philbeck, Jo Pittard, Margaret Potts, Ruby Putnam, Jeanne Ramsey, Anne Reagan, Rose Reid, Leary Reid, Jo Rice, Etta Sue Richardson, Betty Jean Riddle, Anne Roberts, Lois Rogers, Shirley Schellenberg, Hal Sebastian, Joyce Sherill, Jo Sloan, Sully Smith, Walter Smith, Bill Snyder, Dorothy Spahr, Jean Stevens, Margaret Stewart, Mildred Swann, Eveleen Taylor, Wanda Taylor, Nolan Teague, Carole Webb, Dewey Wells, Martha Whitehead, Don Wilfong, and Frank Yandell.

## LIFE ADJUSTMENT WEEK

(Continued from Page 1) program there. Both Dr. and Mrs. Dyer were missionaries to Japan at the outbreak of the recent world conflict, and subsequently spent approximately three years in internment in Japan and the Philippines. Mrs. Dyer is considered to be a fine musician. Out of the richness of their training and experiences both will have many interesting and informative presentations to make.

In addition to the chapel programs there will be two other activities to be noted and used as desired. Dr. and Mrs. Dyer will be available for personal conferences on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, March 9 and 10. Also, the library and the Personnel Department will feature several posters and displays appropriate to the program.

It is hoped that each student will evaluate his present life or gain a new approach concerning the factors which make a more complete and well-rounded life adjustment. As always, your advisor, your instructor and the Personnel Department are anxious to confer and assist you in any possible way.

## Mission Council Plans Meetings And Directs Singspirations

All the mission activities on the campus are under the guidance of the Mission Council. They hold meetings at Weaverville, Walnut, and Piney Mountain every Saturday night, and meetings in the Fletcher Baptist Church and at Oteen on Sunday mornings. They also have meetings in a Negro community near Marshall. Weekend revivals are conducted in nearby churches.

Mars Hill's Mission Council works with Volunteers for Christ in planning Singspiration, which has recently been held at the homes of Dr. and Mrs. Moore and Dr. and Mrs. Sams; Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets; and chapel programs. They are now planning a "Spring Cleaning" drive to get clothes for poor families in the community.

Officers of the Mission Council are: Chairman, Joe Sumner; co-chairman, Blanche Richards; music chairman, Blenda Honeycutt; Negro mission chairman, Bill Huff; Oteen chairman, Ken Sumner; Walnut and Piney Mountain chairman, Claude Warren; and secretary, Freddie Fulgham. Frank Ramsey is in charge of the transportation; John Edmunds is in charge of the Sunday Service; and Ed Clarkson is in charge of the week-end revivals. The sponsors are Miss Bingham and Dr. Pierce.

At five-thirty every Wednesday afternoon, this council meets in the BSU room to bring in reports and discuss plans for future work and those to participate in it. They want all students who will to volunteer to help in these services.

## Glee Club Plans Three Concerts

Sunday, March 13, the Mars Hill college Glee Club will present three concerts in neighboring towns.

The group will sing at the morning service in the First Baptist Church of Canton, of which the Reverend Horace L. Smith is pastor. Sunday afternoon the Glee Club will give a program at the Clyde Baptist Church. In the evening a concert will be given at the First Baptist Church in Waynesville. The Glee Club has tentative plans for other off-campus concerts.

## J. Howard Cates To Direct Music For Youth Revival

Mars Hill is glad to welcome Reverend J. Howard Cates, who will conduct the music for the Youth Revival. He is a native of Burlington, N. C., and attended Mars Hill College and Elon College. He received his Bachelor of Music degree from the School of Music of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1947, and Master of Music degree in May of this year. Reverend Cates is director of music at the First Baptist Church of Roanoke, Virginia.

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## Eight Honor Clubs Initiate 117 Members

Initiation of new members into the Scriblerus Club was the main event at the meeting February 8, in Edna Moore Parlor. Those initiated were: Thelma Angel, Ann Blair, Paul Davis, Charles Glanville, Bill Huff, Mariam Katiba, Frank Litaker, Gordon Middleton, Bruce Olive, Jo Sloan, Milton Snyder (C-I), Margaret Stewart, and Carol Webb.

International Relations Club initiated twenty-nine new members during its meeting in Stroup Parlor on February 7. The new members are: Paul Barwick, Betty Jo Bernard, Mary Berryman, Rachael Blanton, Carolyn Carlton, Betty Chambless, John Claypool, Harvey Criminger, Erma Jean Danner, Peggy Essex, John Edmonds, John Falkner, Myra Griffith, Lou Griffin, Don Hensley, Dale Hooper, Jim Israel, George Knight, Jo Pittard, Anne Puryear, Betty Jean Riddle, Bill Snyder, Jean Stevens, Eveleen Taylor, Nolan Teague, Mary Anne Summers, Dewey Wells, Roswell Wilson, and Martha Whitehead.

French enthusiasts met at the home of Mrs. Nona Roberts, February 8, for the initiation of twelve new members. These are: Vernell Abernathy, Julia Almeida, Johnnie Grigmon, Donald Caldwell, Bobby James Coble, Jimmy DeBruhl, Frances Frizzle, Bonnie Pearce, Margaret Potts, Josephine Snyder, Dorcas Teague, and David Ward.

Spilman Parlor was the scene of Spanish interest on February 8 when thirteen students joined the Spanish Club. Those who joined are: Dorothy Dixon, J. W. James, Norma J. Fannon, Julianne Lawlor, Annie Jean Mosteller,

Rose Reid, Ray Rogers, Sally Smith, Maria Sosa, Wanda Taylor, Polly Watts, and Francis Foster.

In the Green Room of the BSU building, the Music Club met February 8 to welcome its new members, who are: Hilda Boone, Tressie Brown, Mimi Cheney, Ed Collins, Nancy Gorrer, John Johnson, Barbara Morris, John Peck, Louise Stewart, and Dollie Wells.

New officers of the Business Club were installed on February 8 during the club's regular meeting in Huffman Parlor. The new officers are: Madelyn Cottle, president, Dorothy Spahr, vice-president, Mary Lou Smith, secretary, and Bill Todd, treasurer. Also, the following new members were received: Marjorie Barnes, Barbara Lily, Ruby Putnam, Etta Sue Richardson, Lois Rogers, Joyce Sherill, George Tanji, and Charline Williams.

A newly-organized club on the campus is the German club, which met on February 8 at the home of Mrs. Vann. Charter members of the club are Lewis Bolin, Charlotte Britt, Ed Cavanaugh, Harry Clause, Donald Crawford, Bert Clay Edwards, Holmes Clay, Greta Hall, Ann Hollis, and George May.

Twenty-one students exhibited their interest in science by joining the Science Club on February 8. New members of the club are: Betsy Bizzell, Dottie Brinson, Joanne Britt, Nancy Clement, Kathleen Coston, John Cox, Walter Egbert, Jr., Winston Francis Lau, Bill Helvey, Anne Jennings, Jim Kelly, Josie Kester, Davis Lewis, Nancy McCracken, Eloise McCurry, June Rose Morgan, Harold Newman, Joyce Parsons, Joe Smith, Charles Stillwell, Guy Wiggins.

## Iris Porter Elected Associate Editor Of Puerto Rican Paper

## Owens, Gray Star In Production Of "Sunday Costs Five Pesos" Here

Tuesday evening, February 1, 1949, the Mars Hill student body was entertained with the presentation of Josephini Niggli's delightful comedy, "Sunday Costs Five Pesos." Starred in the production were: Anne Owen, Herbert Gray, Joanne Nivens, Josie Kester, and Mary Anne Summers.

Sponsored by the Dramateers and directed by Clyde Moody, the play was the first in a series of one-act plays to be presented every other Tuesday under the direction of C-II dramatic students. The expert staging, the colorful costumes, and the superb acting all made "Sunday Costs Five Pesos" a delightful half hour of entertainment.

After the play the Dramateers met in the Speech Studio in Treat Dormitory to elect second semester officers. Katherine Phillips was elected President; Clyde Moody, vice-president; Doris Carter, Secretary; and Lourene Ransome, Treasurer.

Iris Porter, member of the class of '48 at MHC and outstanding in the fields of dramatics and forensics while here, is now attending the University of Puerto Rico where she has been chosen the associate editor of the campus paper, U. of P. R. Campus Reporter. In a November issue of the paper Iris has an article reporting an interview with Waldo Frank, lecturer, novelist, and critic. Spotlighting the article was a photograph of Iris interviewing the noted author on the lawn at the University guest house. Mr. Frank discussed the literature and culture of Puerto Rico as well as his own writings.

Iris has also written an interview with Julio Milino, one of the professors at the university.

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