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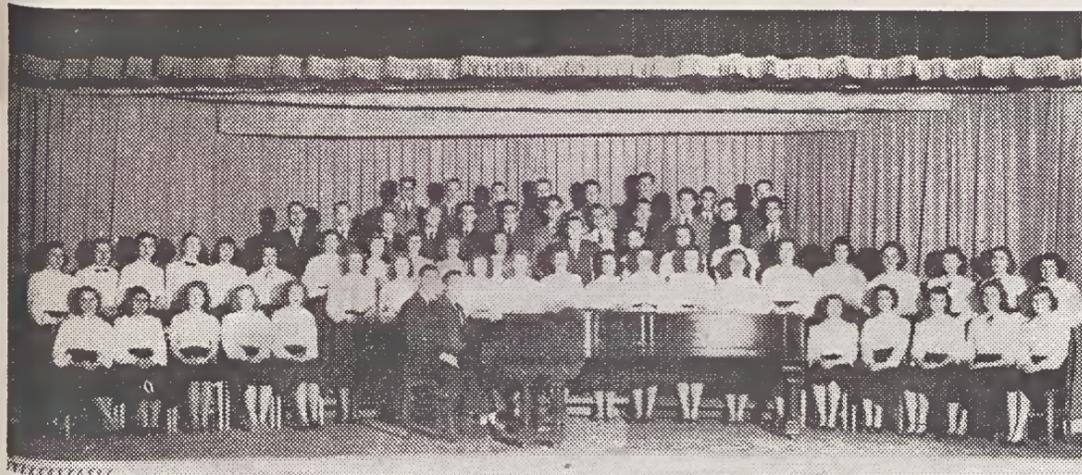
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Mars Hill Glee Club Members Touring Central North Carolina This Weekend

Sixty members of the Mars Hill College Glee Club, under the direction of Mrs. Elizabeth Souther, are making a tour this weekend of central North Carolina.

Sunday morning, April 24, a program will be given at West Durham Baptist Church, of which Dr. B. E. Morris is pastor. Sunday night, April 24, the Glee Club will sing at the First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, of which the Reverend Louis S. Gaines is pastor.

Selections which will be used include: a quartet, "O Lord Most Holy," by Frank, with soprano obligato; a duet, "Love Divine" by Stainer; the "One Hundred and Fiftieth Psalm," Landowski; "There Was Great Darkness" by Haydn; "The God Who Gave Us Life" from "The Testament of Freedom" by Randall Thompson, sung by the men's group; "List the Cherubic Host," Gaul, sung by the girls; "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" by Steffe-Ringwald; "The Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's *Messiah*.

Soloists to appear on the two different programs are: Barbara Morris, Martha Maxwell, and Gretchen Rutfy, sopranos; Margaret Lee, contralto; Allen Brown and Paul Barwick, tenors; Bob Scalf and Harold Stevens, basses; Johnny Brigman and Bill Atkins, baritones.

Accompanists are Miss Martha Biggers, Eddie Collins, and Bert Clay Edwards. Robert Chapman will be trumpeter in the selection from "Testament of Freedom."

B.S.U. Council Attends Retreat

All of the members of the new Baptist Student Union Council of Mars Hill for 1949-50 will attend the state B.S.U. Retreat at Durham on April 22 and 23. The Watts Street Baptist Church will be host church for the meeting. Mr. Leonard Morgan Jr., state B.S.U., President, and Mrs. James Ray, state student secretary, will preside. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the state B.S.U. officers for the coming school year and to have forum groups to better fit new B.S.U. officers of all the campuses for their duties.

Mars Hill Honor Clubs to Attend Joint Banquet

On May 17, 1949 a precedent will be set when the members of the honor clubs of Mars Hill College will be recognized at a joint banquet at 7 p. m.

The Scriblerus Club will act as host club for this annual affair; Walter Smith, club president will serve as master of ceremonies, and Dr. Ella Pierce, head of the English department, will introduce the guest speaker for the evening, Dr. Archibald Rutledge, author, naturalist, teacher, lecturer, and a member of the prominent Rutledge family of South Carolina.

Dr. Rutledge lives on his Hampton Plantation at McClellanville, South Carolina, where he writes and oversees the maintenance of the plantation. A former teacher and a contributor of some very fine articles to several well-known magazines, Dr. Rutledge is the author of many books, among which are *Home by the River*, *Under the Pines*, *The Heart's Quest*, *Heart of the South*, *God's Dark Children*, *Rain on the Marsh*, *Wild Life of the South*, and *Life's Extras*. A towering literary figure in the south and poet laureate of South Carolina by act of the legislature, Dr. Rutledge is a true southern gentleman.

It is the purpose of this banquet to give distinction, heretofore unpaid, to the honor students of our campus. It is hoped that these students will attend and enjoy it.

Banquet Schedule

Banquets to be held on campus within the near future are: Publications Banquet, April 26; BSU Banquet, April 28; and Junior-Senior Banquet, April 30. Write-ups of these social functions will follow in the next edition of *The Hilltop*.

Business Club Alumni Hold Annual Banquet

The annual Business Club Alumni Association meeting was held at Mars Hill College, April 9.

The meeting began with the business session held in Moore 10 at 4:30 P.M. The new officers elected were: President, Rachel Swann;

Students Attend Inter-racial Meet On Shaw Campus

Mr. Carl Harris, Frank Ingle, Frank Ramsey, Davey Ward, Thelma Angell, Betty Mayhugh, and Janice Aiken represented the Mars Hill Baptist Student Union at an inter-racial conference at Shaw University in Raleigh, on April 2 and 3.

The main speaker at the meeting was Mr. S. E. Grinstead, Southwide Secretary of the Negro Young People's work, from Nashville, Tennessee. There were seven N. C. Negro colleges and six white colleges represented.

Conferees Discuss Amendment

In the conferences the students discussed the recent amendment passed by the Baptist students at the Fall convention in Gastonia. This amendment stated that no invitation for the convention meeting would be accepted from any church that would not invite Negro delegates too. Also, from now on, one Negro student is to be elected to the council. At this conference the Negro B.S.U. accepted this amendment as a step forward in inter-racial understanding. They also discussed the possibility of having both groups do their state B.S.U. work as one convention.

Students Hold Open House

The Shaw students had open house of their dormitories and cafeteria during the conference.

Barbara Morris Wins Goodman Scholarship

Barbara Morris, soprano, won the Samuel Goodman scholarship in the state contest sponsored by the Federated Music Clubs. The finals were held at Meredith College, Raleigh, April 9.

The Goodman scholarship provides for a summer's study in the Juilliard School of Music in New York.

Miss Morris, first year student at Mars Hill college, is the daughter of Dr. B. E. Morris, pastor of the West Durham Baptist Church. She is prominent in musical activities on the campus and has appeared as organist in Chapel services and as featured singer with the band.

vice-president, Paul Hudson; secretary, Regina Styles; and assistant secretary, Charlene Williams. The retiring officers were: Gordon Funk, president; Rachel Swann, vice-president; Betty Lazenby Murdock, secretary; and Bryan Coates, assistant secretary.

The banquet was held in the Coyte Bridges Cafeteria at seven o'clock. The speaker was Mr. William Powell Hale, retired professor of dramatics at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee. The program followed the birthday theme in celebration of the tenth anniversary.

Highlight of the evening was the presentation of a gift of \$600 for stage furnishings for the proposed alumni auditorium. This project is to be continued another year in an effort to increase this amount.

Also highlighting the evening's program was the naming of Dorothy Spahr as winner of the B. C. A. A. medal, which is awarded each year by the Association to the graduating member of the Business Club who, in the opinion of the faculty of the Department best represents the ideals of the Club, high scholarship, Christian character, pleasing personality, commendable deportment, and promise of future attainment.

A reception given by the Business Department faculty was held in Huffman Parlor at 9:30.

Mars Hill Band Presents Concert To Student Body

Mars Hill college's forty-six piece band, under the direction of James Hall, presented a program of classical and modern musical compositions in the college auditorium Tuesday evening, April 5.

Music by Palestrina, Bach, Berlioz, and Fauchet was featured in the opening part of the program. Allen Putman of Greenville was trombone soloist in Berlioz's "Recitative and Prayer." Also presented on the program were Wagner's "Eulogy," Gould's "Pavane," and Clare Grundman's "American Folk Rhapsody."

"American Folk Rhapsody" is a setting for four of the lesser known American Folk songs: "My Little Mohee," "Shantyman's Life," "Sourwood Mountain," and "Sweet Betsy from Pike."

Prominently featured on the program were also Barbara Morris of Durham, and Bill, Fred, and Allen Mills of Columbus, Ga., who were presented under the name of "Bobbie and the Bandsmen." They sang a group of popular songs, accompanied by the band.

AMONG OUR ALUMNI

Walter Harrelson of Elizabeth City, former student of MHC and graduate of the University of North Carolina, has been awarded a \$1000 fellowship for study abroad by the faculty of Union Theological Seminary, New York City.

John Brinegar, former MHC student, who has achieved considerable recognition as tenor singer, presented a recital in Hill Hall, Chapel Hill, March 27. A graduate of the University of North Carolina with an A.B. in music, Mr. Brinegar is now a candidate for the B.M. degree, and will receive his degree in August.

Joyce Fite, a recent graduate of Mars Hill College, is now holding a good position as secretary in the office of A & P Company in Charlotte.

Ned Wheeler, Jr., graduate of Mars Hill College and Wake Forest College, who received his Th.B. degree from the Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, sailed from New York March 18, for Peru, where he will serve as a missionary.

Dr. J. Walter Hendrix, Mars Hill 1934, head of the department of plant pathology at the University of Hawaii, has been chosen as a member of a group of scientists who will report to United Nations conference on conservation and use of natural resources.

Dr. Hendrix is the son of Mars Hill graduates, and the great, great grandson of its founder, Mr. Ned Carter. He is a nephew of Mrs. John Smith of Mars Hill.

Dr. George W. Greene, professor of social science at Catawba College, Salisbury, N. C., has been made head of that school's newly organized Institute of World Government.

Dr. Greene, who was born in China of missionary parents, was educated at Mars Hill College, Wake Forest, and the University of North Carolina.