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Mars Hill College

R. B. House Graduation Speaker

Exercises for 195 graduating seniors on Monday, May 28th, at 9:45 A.M., will climax a week-end of pre-graduation programs. The speaker will be Chancellor R. B. House, of the University of North Carolina.

On Friday, May 25, at 4:00 P.M., the Art Department will sponsor an art exhibit and tea, and at 8:00 P.M. the Department of Dramatics will present the commencement play, "Little Women."

Saturday, May 26, will be Society Day on campus and will feature the society contests. The essays will be given at 9:30 A.M.; readings at 10:30 A.M.; the orations at 2:30 P.M.; and the declamations at 4:30 P.M. The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees will be at 10:30 A.M.; the society luncheon will be at 11:45 A.M.; and the business meeting of the Alumni Association in the Nonpareil-Euthalian Hall will be at 4:30 P.M. At 4:00 P.M. will be the class meetings of 1905, 1911, 1916, 1921, 1926, 1931, 1936, 1941, and 1946. At 5:30 P.M. the Alumni Banquet will be held, the speaker being President P. L. Elliot, of Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs. The Inter-society

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Schweitzer Gives Banquet Address

The annual honor club banquet, sponsored this year by the Science Club, was held Saturday, May 12, in the Coyte Bridges Dining Hall. Decorations were on general phases of science; Arthur Gillespie served as toastmaster for the occasion, and Dr. Hoyt Blackwell offered the invocation.

The string and vocal ensembles provided the music for the after-dinner program, which consisted of recognition of the honor clubs and a speech on the "Beneficent Aspects of Atomic Energy" by Dr. George K. Schweitzer. Dr. Schweitzer, teacher of the graduate school and Director of Research at the University of Tennessee, is also a Director of Research at the Atomic Energy Installations at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He explained in what ways atomic energy has been developed recently for the benefit of man. Mrs. Schweitzer was an honored guest at the banquet.

Mission Council Announces Plans

The new Mission Council, under the leadership of Corbin Cooper has begun planning for next year as well as continuing the mission work of this year. Glenn Holt, the new Negro Missions Chairman, has continued this work by presenting programs in Asheville City Jail. Bob Cole, the new Sunday Service Chairman, has got his work well under way with services at Spruce Pine, Burnsville, and Spartanburg, S. C. The council as a whole is making plans for more work in Weaverville and new missions in Asheville during the coming year.

Religious Drama To Be Offered

Dramatics at Mars Hill College next year will include the usual course in secular drama listed as Acting and Stagecraft in the catalogue, and a new course in religious drama.

Secular drama will be taught by Mrs. Richard D. Watson who minored in speech and dramatics at Simpson College. She coached plays in the high school in which she taught, following her graduation, and continued her interest and work in drama after her marriage, serving as the first president of the Little Theatre Group of Indianola, Iowa.

Religious drama, which is being offered next year because a number of our students choose religious work and because the churches are making greater use of drama, will be taught by Dr. Pierce. In the Woman's Missionary Union Training School and in her graduate study dramatics was her minor. Dr. Pierce's abiding interest in religious drama prompted her to visit Oberammergau, Germany, in 1950 to see the Passion Play, the greatest religious drama in the world today.

Participation in dramatic activities will be opened to all interested students.

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MHC Musicians Stage Recital

On Thursday evening, May 10, the Music Department of Mars Hill College presented Miss Sara Elizabeth Parker, soprano; David Early, baritone; and Betty Privette, pianist, in their graduating recitals.

Among Miss Parker's selections were "Lascia ch'io pianga," by Handel and "Devotion" by Shumann. David Early rendered "O del mio dolce ardor" by Gluck and "Songs of Travel" by Williams. Miss Privette's piano solos were "Sonata in A flat Major, Op. 26" by Beethoven and "Prelude in C Major, Op. 12, No. 7," by Prokofiev.

Mary Ruth Burch, pianist; Johann Green, contralto; Billie Blair Hodge, pianist; and Betty McAlister, pianist were presented in graduating recital Monday evening, May 14.

"Se tu Ma'mi by Pergolesi" and "Thanks be to Thee" by Handel

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Marshals for the 1951-52 session are (first row, left to right): Mary Ammons, Carol McAlister, Nancy Lee Duckworth, Cara Blake, Betty Jo Usher, Lydia Berghauer. (Second row): Truett Allen, Jim Heizer, Walter Long, Ben Sloan, Roy Johnson (chief).

Sodeman to Assume Mars Hill Pastorate

The Reverend Lowell F. Sodeman will assume pastoral duties at the Mars Hill Baptist Church during the month of June. Mr. Sodeman will come to Mars Hill from Clinton where he is serving as pastor of the Clinton Baptist Church.

The Mars Hill Church has been without a full-time pastor since the leaving of John R. Link to accept duties at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church last August. During this period services have been rendered by members of the college faculty and guest speakers.

Mr. Sodeman attended William Jewel, East Carolina, and Wake Forest Colleges and did additional study at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville. Previous pastoral experience includes churches in both North Carolina and Kentucky. He also served for two years as a chaplain in the armed forces in the Pacific theater.

Widely known throughout the state, Mr. Sodeman is in much demand as an evangelist and youth speaker and has served on several committees appointed by the State Baptist Convention. He is currently serving on the "Committee of Nineteen" appointed by this convention to make a study of Baptist colleges in North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Sodeman have two daughters.

Officers Named By Honor Clubs

The honor clubs have completed the elections of their respective officers for the fall semester of the coming year.

Scriblerus Club elected James Heizer as president, Mary Louise Stewart as vice-president, and Julia Ann Sigmon as secretary.

David Garrett was chosen to head the Business Club. Frances Haynes is vice-president; Mary Nixon, secretary, Caroleen Day is treasurer, and Duane Brown is reporter.

The Spanish Club elected the following officers: Rita Crowell, president; Joan McSwain, vice-president; Bob Owens, secretary; and Patricia Hayes, social vice-president.

Orpheon Music Club officers are as follows: president, Norma Jean Banner; vice-president, Catherine Ray; secretary, Carolyn Redding; treasurer, Ruth Lennon.

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CI Officers Are Elected By MHC Societies

At recent elections the four literary societies on Mars Hill campus elected officers for the C-I term of the coming year.

President of the Euthalian Society is Ned Teague from Salisbury, N. C. Ned is a ministerial student and also a member of the International Relations Club. Vice president, Ben Sloan, is from Charlotte, N. C., and is a member of the Scriblerus Club and touring choir. Nick Burton, of Cedar Grove, N. C., is secretary, and Joe

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Former Student In Seoul Relates Experiences In Enemy Air Raid

(The following is an account of an air raid experience as related by David Wells, a former Mars Hillian who is now in Seoul.)

The telephone was tingling. It kept on ringing. The persistent buzzing began to pierce the fog of unconsciousness and I rolled over in my sleeping bag, still half asleep, and reached for the telephone on the floor beside me. In what must have been a very sleepy voice I answered, "Headquarters and Service Company, Corporal Wells speaking."

"This is RED FLASH, this is RED FLASH! Three enemy air craft in vicinity, attack imminent!" These startling words grated harshly out of the earphone snapping me into complete wakefulness. I quickly replied: "Roger, out."

I slid out of the sleeping bag and started reaching for my clothes. There in the dark the luminous dial of my watch stood out very plainly and showed the time to be exactly 0300 hours. As I quickly dressed I muttered to myself that this was the most ungodly hour for hell-raising that evil men with yellow skin could conceive, and as for me, I didn't want any part of their game, but

In less than five minutes I was outside shattering the quiet of the very early morning with the old cry of "Swindell, Swindell, come here!" Almost instantly the equal-

ly loud reply of "Coming" was heard followed by the sound of running feet. Swindell appeared.

"What's the matter?"

"Air raid! We've got to sound the alarm and get everybody up. I just got a RED FLASH and that means we don't have much time."

"Air raid!" he bellowed, in a voice that could easily be heard from a distance of two miles. "The

CI's Named Club Leaders

The Home Economics Club elected at their monthly business meeting the following officers: president, Rita Crowell; vice-president, Joan Rash; secretary, Mollie Stevens; treasurer, Faye Pace; and reporter, Sally Ann Madison.

Ralph Riley will be next year's president of Dramateers; Glenn Holt is vice-president; Patsy Stubbs is secretary; June Grubb is treasurer; and Catherine Royal is reporter.

Officers for the Ministerial Conference for next year were elected at the last regular meeting, May 10. They are as follows: president, Max Kale; vice-president, James Kisselburg; secretary, Larry Gill; reporter, Glen Holt; pianist, Larry Power; janitor, Archie Jones.

guys are going to be really tickled about this and am I going to have fun telling them!" With this outburst Swindell turned and ran to the guard shack where he kept the siren.

Swindell was the permanent corporal of the security guard. We have a great deal in common, including very healthy lungs and strong vocal chords to match. Between the two of us and the help of the screaming siren it didn't take long to turn the camp into a state of wakefulness and wild confusion. Half-dressed men collided with each other as they rushed about in the dark looking for foxholes. There was much cursing and several swift kicks delivered as owners of foxholes fought for privacy. One man rushed up to me and asked, "I don't have a foxhole; what am I supposed to do?" I figured now would be as good a time as any, so I said, "Dig one!" He left me shouting "Who's got a shovel?" at the top of his lungs. How they did it I don't know, but an hour later, after the all-clear signal had been given, I found men in several new foxholes that were at least six feet deep.

Presently the drone of planes was heard overhead. I put on my steel helmet and went down into the basement of the large building in which I had been living and working for the past week. There

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