

# Time is Fleeting

Time is fleeting and names have appeared on a delinquent list. Some students never have to give this matter a thought, but others who are not so fortunate will find it a gentle reminder that work has to be done. C-I's are beginning to learn that "Promptness strengthens Character."

There are various and sundry reasons for being on the delinquent list. Sometimes, appearing there is not fatal, but serves as a prompter to those who are prone to neglect or put off school work.

Keep in mind that this semester is well underway. Mid-semester tests will show each student where he stands. Take an account of yourself; see your teachers and begin to correct your faults.

Never become self-satisfied, but strive to conquer greater heights. If you are not worried about the delinquent list, then start thinking about the Dean's list and try to get your name there. Honor clubs hold a place of respect on Mars Hill campus. Make the honor points and join.

# Appreciation of Ellis

Archie Ellis, during his week's stay as revivalist, gave the campus a week of meaningful sermons, which were designed to answer the students' and townspeople's questions concerning such vital Christian problems as salvation, prayer, and Christian living.

We like that type of sermon and we also liked Mr. Ellis' way of presenting them. In his talks he seemed to divine the questions which were of immediate importance to the listener, and he gave workable answers concerning them. We had the privilege of sitting in on one of his informal talks to the men's dorms. The personal way in which he answered questions and delivered his "man to man" message made a deep impression.

A large portion of the credit for the success of the revival goes to Alan Gragg and the B.S.U. Council, Mr. Sodeman, and the many students who actively worked behind the revival. Personal talks, such as Mr. Ellis and the above persons, gave, do much to get response during a revival.

Mars Hill's high Christian ideals support Christian living throughout the year on the campus. Various religious organizations do much to keep the Mars Hill student body a Christian student body, but a revival such as this does much to add to the momentum of the campus religious movements and deserves the support and appreciation of all the students.

# Around the Campus

Overheard in Pop Stringfield's class: "Does the moon affect the tied or the untied?"

Jessie: "Ruth! Hey, Ruth! Roo-uth!"

Ruth: "What?"

Jessie: "You there?"

... the boys in the Treat Dormitory porch, watching "the scenery" go by.

Phylis Nations wondering why the post office boys kept cluttering up her box with yellow slips of paper bearing her box number when she already knew it.

John Brock received a shock one night recently when he decided to

hit the sack. Someone apparently had removed all but two of the coils that support the spring in his bunk and Brock's 200-pound frame did not stop until it had hit the floor.

Dale Torrence has been noticed inquiring of all who have been in the vicinity of Honey Run if they have by any chance found a class ring.

The big question at Huffman Dormitory: Who short-sheeted Mr. Ellis' bed?

Miss Mary Augustine, field representative of the W.M.U. Training School: "There is something I want to tell you before I begin speaking."

# The Casual Observer

Mars Hill comes into its own during the autumn season. Mount Bailey in the background and the multi-color trees of the campus make a picture worthy of any gallery. Boys up in Melrose and Brown Dormitories are partially repaid for all the climbing they do at this time of the year. One of the most beautiful views anywhere on the campus is seen from that hill; one can look down on the two orange-clad maples in front of the science building and on up to Bailey with its dozens of colors. "The gem in the emerald ring of hills" has turned into a treasure chest of ruby, beryl, amethyst, topaz and garnet. The noted landmark of the Tarheel State, the pine, stands as the only emerald in the hills during autumn.

### Rebel Troops

That old Confederate spirit has risen around the Hill. Rebel hats are perched upon the heads of a number of students and many others have been lamenting the fact that every time they go into Asheville the hats have just been sold out. But in spite of this, there appears to be enough of the Confederate gray to muster up a full-sized platoon.

### Paint Smears

"Who got paint happy?" is the question that the college staff would like answered. Just a few days after the Lions dropped a game by a one-point margin to Asheville-Biltmore there appeared signs in large red letters proclaiming the fact on the steps leading to the dining hall and the stone wall in front of "dormitory hill." If it were Asheville-Biltmore students, it may be a little too soon to crow. The Lions play them again on Thanksgiving.

One event that has stimulated some excitement on the campus has been the selection of the beauty section of the **Laurel**. Guys were busy during the nomination period trying to get a few nominations for that special one, while the girls were promoting their friends. Strictly from an impartial point of view, the Casual Observer had a rough time trying to pick out the five he wished to nominate (the campus is loaded with beautiful belles) so he threw the idea of being impartial over board and campaigned for a few secret passions.

# Autumn

Of all the seasons, Autumn alone abounds in soft colors of red, gold, and brown.

Individually painted and designed, Each leaf—a drop of love from God to mankind.

—Ethel Evans.

# Former 'Hilltoppers'

Two former Hilltop staff members have by-line articles in their senior college papers. Nancy Craig, 1950-51 associate editor, has a news feature in the current issue of **Black and Gold**. Paul Barwick, 1949-50 sports editor, is a contributor to the editorial page of the **Daily Tar Heel**.

# Halloween Goblins Spring From Evil Spirits of Pagan Worship

## Between the Book Ends

THESE FOUND THE WAY. Edited by David Wesley Soper. The Westminster Press. 175 pp. \$2.50.

This book contains the stories of thirteen converts to Protestant Christianity. David Wesley Soper, who compiled these stories, tells his own experience as one of them. Mr. Soper says, "In their own words, thirteen people of diverse backgrounds and interests tell of the personal experience that led them to accept Protestant Christianity. Each story is a pilgrimage to Christ; each represents a different starting point; each expresses in the dramatic language of human experience the creative impact of Christianity upon the human soul."

Mr. Archie Ellis says of **These Found the Way**: "It deals with the spiritual problems which all of us, with few exceptions, experience in more or less comparable degree as these men who have written of their experiences. It is the seeking of Truth and Reality which is the most thrilling quest imaginable and I believe that the reading of this book would help us to come out of the shadows of a vagueness in Christian experience and to the light of truth."

## Among Our Ex-Mars Hillians

Walton Connelly, B.S.U. president at M.H.C. in 1944-45, writes in a letter to Noel Watson that he is now established as pastor of the First Baptist Church, South Boston, Va. He and his wife, the former Catherine Jennings, Mars Hill '49, live in a fifteen-room parsonage!

From Ohio Wesleyan University Stanley Kanzaki sends best wishes and inquires about activities on the campus.

Dick Heller '42, who married Oneda Vass '43, has completed his Th.M. degree at Southwestern and has gone to the First Baptist Church, Round Rock, Tex. He says: "Mars Hill abides ever near to our hearts. We love it and all it has meant to us."

Ila Graham '50, received her B.S. at Appalachian State Teachers College, and is teaching third grade in Roxboro.

Betty Shoaf '51, writes that twenty-two former Mars Hill students at Baylor met recently for a picnic supper. The subject of conversation was, of course, the **Hill**.

Among recent visitors on the campus were these: Mrs. Ted Jolley, formerly Nora Wills, secretary in the Alumni Office '50-51; "Vicky" Austin '46, now a laboratory technician in St. Petersburg, Fla.; "Pinkie" McLeod '45, teacher of English in Central High School, Charlotte; Wallace Bearse '51, Wake Forest; and Morris Williams '51, Furman.

A special notice from Meredith College stated that enough Mars Hill girls transferred this fall to make the students consider forming a "Mars Hill Club" on the Raleigh Campus. The girls who transferred to Meredith are: Betsy Mc-

It may seem surprising to learn that Halloween means hallowed holy evening, and it was so-called because it is the eve of All Saints Day, which was the Church-designated day for honoring all the Saints. Halloween is actually a Christian feast established in the seventh century, although many of the beliefs and observances connected with it arose long before the Christian era. Thus, pagan customs mingle with the Christian element.

Halloween occurs at the time of the ancient autumn festival of the Druids, at which time they celebrated with merriment and great feasting. It also marks the beginning of winter, with nights becoming longer; hence they associated with it ghosts, hobgoblins and witches, fairies, elves, and divinities. It is these elements, appealing to popular imagination which have survived and increased while the others disappeared.

The present day practice of Halloween ghost stories is probably a carryover of the ancient custom of gathering around a great bonfire built to keep away the evil spirits, and relating ghastly experiences with queer noises, strange flutterings, tremblings and shadows and mystic practices.

Imagine the bewilderment of an eighteenth century puritan who he able to visit us as we celebrate Halloween. He would with doubt throw up his hands in horror at our brazen defiance of the spirits by imitating their dress, even daring to venture out into darkness where they lurk with the ghostly fluttering shadows by the pale rays of the moon.

Oh yes, time changes, and we too ultra modern to believe in ghosts, but remember; it was up Halloween eve, as the moon sailed low carrying upon its face a shadow of a huge, bleak, bluish form upon a floating broomstick and the dim atmosphere was filled with wierd and ghostly mutterings and moanings, that Little Le Lopkins, who tied the tin cans to the poor kitty's tail, was completely swallowed by the darkness never glimpsed again.

# Halloween

Soon comes the time of Halloween, When spooks and witches pr around.

The corn is shucked and in bin; The leaves of all the stalks oaks Have turned to golden brown.

Soon comes the time of Halloween, With spooky tale and ghostly sound;

Then will the jokers all begin To have their fun; so I am told Though at their tricks they're found.

—J. C. Massey, II

Gee, Beth Ann Dixon, Dixie shee, Nancy Crawford, Pat Dale Joyce Phillips, Millie Jean Scruggs Bernice Limer, Julia Hough, Lennon, Elizabeth Smith, Virginia Harris, Mary Burch, and Mary Isaacs. All are Juniors except Lennon who transferred as a sophomore.

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