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Mars Hill College Touring Choir pictured above will sing at the Baptist State Convention in Asheville November 13-15. Row 1 (l to r) Lydia Berghauer, Ellen Sprinkle, Catherine Ray, Nancy Wesson, Cecile Seawell, Jeanette Lollis, Julianne Sinclair, Iris Summers, Caroline Hartsell, Norma Jean Banner, Evelyn Anderson, Alma Davis. Row 2, Dorothy Weaver, Meredith Tyson, Ruth Durham, Beverly Page, Edith Peterson, Edith Plemmons, Betty Morgan, Wilda Bell, Wanda Hart, Miss Pearl Francis. Row 3, James Baumgardner, Bobby Heafner, Corbin Cooper, Gay Chandler, Mary Ann Jones, Ansel McGill, Ed Cornell, Eddie Gray. Row 4, Ted Buckner, Wendall Gross, Joe Hucks, Jim Heizer, Joe Bennett, Ed Edwards, John Dean, Ed Bangs. Row 5, Eugene Hudson, Paul Berry, Carrol Owenby, Ben Sloan, Frank Wilhelm, Bill Stephenson, Charles Storey, John Bush.

College Alumni Shape Plans for Homecoming

The student body will elect a homecoming queen to preside over the homecoming game between MHC and Asheville-Biltmore to be played here, November 22, at 2:30. Reigning with the homecoming queen will be a queen elected by the football team. The two will represent the two outstanding features of the afternoon: football and homecoming.

Students Select Campus Beauties

Four attendants to the queen will be selected by four campus groups: the M-Club, the W. A. A. Council, the CI class, and the CII class, Coach Hart announced. The girls will choose escorts.

Campus Beauties have been chosen for the beauty section of the 52 **Laurel**. Outcome of the contest will not be officially announced until publication of the **Laurel**.

Plans for the ceremony at the half, when the queens will be presented, are being made by the Health and Athletic Committee, consisting of Coach Henderson, Mr. Sams, Miss Brewer, Mr. Howell, and Coach Hart.

Contestants in the contest made individual appearances and final group appearances to aid students in their choices.

At eight o'clock in the evening the Euthalian Literary Society will present its annual anniversary program in the auditorium. Plans for this event are arranged carefully.

Nominees were Jo Anderson, Carol Benfield, Dot Buchanan, Leila Cassis, Gay Nell Chandler, Maxine Chappell, Dee Davidson, Caroline Day, Gladys Draper, Betty Jo Frazier, Irma Garland, Lavina Hollifield, Margaret Hudspeth, ugusta Ingram, Mary Ann Jones, Margaret Marr, Phyllis McCarn, Wanda Peek, Kay Pearson, Janet Ponder, Joan Schwab, Sarah Thomas, Dottie Todd, Ginger Wimberly, and Hilda Young.

A large number of former students and other friends of the college will be present for the occasion. A traditional Thanksgiving program will be presented during the chapel hour and luncheon will be served in the Coyte Bridges Dining Hall at twelve thirty.

Staff Attending Raleigh Meeting

Three members of the faculty are representing Mars Hill College in a joint meeting of faculty members from the Baptist colleges of the state at Meredith College this weekend. Those attending are Dean R. M. Lee, Dr. Ella J. Pierce, and Mr. Ramon DeShazo.

Chief emphasis of the meeting will be upon social science and English. Dr. Pierce and Mr. DeShazo will participate in the program.



Dramateers Become Member of Carolina Dramatic Association

The Dramateers have officially joined the Carolina Dramatic Association which is the first step toward attendance at the Spring Drama Festival, to be held April 23, 24, 25, and 26 in the Playmakers Theatre, Chapel Hill.

Awards, consisting of cash prizes, will be presented the authors of the three best original one-act plays.

The two main contest divisions of the Festival are the production division, consisting of groups competing in the production of professional one-act plays, and the original play division consisting of individuals competing in the writing of one-act plays.

During the Festival the member groups will present their best productions of selected original and professionally written one-act plays. There will also be exhibits in costuming, make-up, stage models, posters, playbills, scrapbooks, and puppetry. Certain sessions of the Festival will be devoted to criticisms, demonstrations, and discussions of the theatre problems.

All those interested in writing one-act plays to be judged for possible production are urged to begin work immediately. The entrance deadline for one-act plays is January 21. The Betty Smith

Those interested in participating by writing one-act plays are asked to contact Mrs. Watson for further details.

Publication of College Hilltop Reaches Twenty-fifth Year Mark

This year is the 25th anniversary of the **Hilltop**. It was the growth of several prior publications.

The first college publication on the Mars Hill campus was **Quarterly**, of which one issue was referred to as the "Student Issue." The "Student Issue"

later expanded into a literary magazine called the **Laurel**. It became a monthly literary magazine. Then there arose a demand for a campus newspaper. The **Laurel** ceased publication in the fall of 1926; the following fall a campus newspaper, the **Hilltop**, took its place.

Miss Ethel Gregg, Mr. J. A. Leod, and two student editors, published **P. Huskins**, now editor of the **Statesville Record** and Mary E. Carter of Mars Hill, composed the first editorial staff. The name the **Hilltop** was chosen from suggestions submitted by the student body. **Laurel** is left for the name of the annual.

When it was established the **Hilltop** was intended to combine news with certain features of literary magazine. Gradually **Hilltop** has grown into a newspaper with a national as well as state rating.

Squad to Debate

MHC debaters have been invited to attend a practice tournament at Wake Forest, Saturday, Nov. 17, 1951, by Pi Kappa Delta. There will be three rounds of debating on the topic: price stabilization. Twenty-one persons attended a preliminary meeting led by Miss Underwood and Jolley. From these a team will be chosen to go to Wake Forest.

Students, faculty and **Hilltop** staff extend deepest sympathy to Mrs. R. Z. Harris in the death of her son, R. Z. Harris of Hudson, N. C.

Euthalia Elects Powell President

Marion Powell was elected president of the Euthalian Literary Society for the anniversary term in a special meeting for the election of officers and second degree initiation. The other Euthalian officers elected were: Jim Ward, vice-president; Joe Freeman, secretary; Bill Bowen, censor; and Don Neal, chaplain.

Second degree initiation was completed following the election. This completed all initiation and the pledges became full-fledged members.

Plans are proceeding for Euthalian anniversary under the direction of Jim Ward, the anniversary vice-president. Try-outs for debating, declaiming, and oratory are being arranged. Arrangements are also being made for the anniversary finale.

Former Student Publishes Book

John Foster West, alumnus of Mars Hill College and associate professor of English at Elon College, has announced the publication date of his first volume of collected poetry.

The book, entitled **up ego!** will contain twenty-six poems in addition to the one from which the title is taken. Some of these have appeared previously in **The Atlantic**, **The Carolina Quarterly**, and elsewhere; one was first prize winner in the 1951 poetry contest sponsored by the North Carolina Poetry Society.

John Foster West attended Mars Hill from 1940 to 1942, and was graduated in June of the latter year. While here he was sports editor of the **Hilltop** when a C-I and editor-in-chief his second year.

Art Classes Send Work to Children

"Art for smiles" is a project recently adopted by the college Art Club. The purpose of the project is to create paintings to send to children in the state polio hospital in Greensboro.

Grimes Creason, an art student, is responsible for the idea. He heard that the hospital was badly in need of pictures within the scope of the hospitalized children.

Paintings have been collected primarily from the art education classes. They vary in subject matter from illustrated fairy tales to realistic landscapes. Tempera as well as oil and water color has proved to be a popular medium.

Art students who have contributed paintings to the drive are: Patsy Stubbs, Lou Henry, Mona Pennington, Gladys Draper, Clyde Umphlett, John Garrow, Willa Dean Freeman, Doyle Robinson, (Continued on Page 4)

Give! Give!

Monday is blood donation day for Mars Hill. Almost one hundred students have pledged a pint of blood for the drive. The donation of blood is stressed by the American Red Cross and the WAA, local sponsors for the drive. All who have pledged are urged to go ahead with their decision and students who have not pledged and are over 21 are urged to contribute also.