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## A Great Week

It is true that we have all received some kind of blessing during the recent week of religious focus. Some of us have felt the impact of the dynamic leaders more than others. Many of us will forget a great deal we have heard, but the real beauty and usefulness of this week will appear somewhere in the future.

Perhaps someday we will be faced with problems and responsibilities that we thought could never come to us. This will be the time when Christian Focus Week will prove its worth. For during crises, we here on our campus who listened intently to the advice of these experienced Christians will call to mind principles and facts pointed out to us during Focus Week that will be sufficient to show us the way. Truths have been burned into our hearts that cannot be erased by

time. As for the days just at hand, Mars Hill students have been drawn near to God and have enjoyed a refreshing and new fellowship with God that few of us want to forget. Through the team of Christian workers, we have been shown the down-to-earth Christianity that appeals to every person in one way or another. We have seen what God can do with a person who decides to let the Lord have His way.

It has been a week of wonderful experiences. It is all up to us now. Let us not be afraid nor ashamed to take God as a permanent partner and to seek together with Him a life of victory. Furthermore let us not fear that God has given up hope for our lives long ago because we have failed to be maximum Christians.

—Claire Buckner

## There's More To Be Done

The new Mars Hill Baptist Church is going up. The years of planning and hoping are over, and the contract itself has at last been signed. The task of bringing into being a new church, however, is far from done; for there is more to a new church than the building itself. There must be furnishings and equipment to make a church useful, and they must come from somewhere.

A great deal of money has already been contributed, and a great deal must be borrowed. The less that has to be spent in the future, the less will have to be borrowed.

Having been asked how students could help in bringing to completion the project, pastor Lowell F. Sodeman replied as follows:

"Our students have a wide range of contacts and have opportunities of directing the interests of many people toward our needs. We need a great deal of help in providing suitable equipment. This includes

furnishings for the sanctuary, such as pews, choir seats, and pulpit furniture. Furniture for the Sunday School department may be given as a memorial or as a direct gift to the church. Much can be done during these months when the building is being constructed to enlist the interest of your friends and to inform them of our needs.

"The contribution by campus organizations and classes of gifts to the church as memorials to themselves will be accepted. Anyone who wishes to discuss means of doing so should see me as soon as possible."

Since the church is expected to reach completion by the end of the next school year, it is hoped that the class of '54 or those who are now C-Is, will be able to hear their baccalaureate sermon delivered within its walls. Let us hope and work for the greatest possible success of the project.

## Tribute To Miss Ruth

The students, faculty, and personnel of Mars Hill College extend deepest sympathy to Miss Vera Ruth in her illness. She has been deeply missed by the Huffman girls and by all others who came in contact with her while she served as dormitory house mother. Her guiding counsel and sympathetic understanding have

encouraged and strengthened those who came to her for advice.

Miss Ruth's cheerfulness, patient manner, and wisdom in helping to solve the problems of her girls have served her well in her position. To Miss Ruth go best wishes for a speedy recovery and thanks for the work she has done for Mars Hill. —Amy Fisher.

## It's Up To Us

Five calendar pages have been torn from their places since that ninth day of September when we as green freshmen, peering from behind high-brushed sets of teeth, trying to prove how brave we were, stepped into the first line we saw and made with some bits of inane small-talk. That hour we became members of the Mars Hill family. Our presence, therefore, has become either a detriment or a blessing to the college life. May I be presumptuous and assume the latter.

Indeed, the spirit and co-operation of new students is of vital significance to any college; for the freshman class is usually in the vast majority. From the standpoint of Mars Hill it is of primary im-

portance. During this school year the C-I's outnumber the C-II's considerably. By reason of number we therefore dominate the spirit of the campus. Next year the picture will be revealed quite differently. If we are a normal class, one fourth of our group will not return to Mars Hill; the C-I class of 1953-54 will then be in the majority. It is our duty to see that they grasp the spirit of Mars Hill.

The student is extraordinary who agrees with every policy and rule of the college. The fact that we are here demands that we obey all whether or not we agree.

We should remember that we are a basic part of Mars Hill. In fact, we are Mars Hill.—Tom Waller

## Spirit of Hearts, Flowers, and Cupid Reign Over Mars Hill Campus Again

We knew all along that February 14 was Valentine's Day, but that it was in the very near future did not dawn upon us until most of the Student Center was filled with Valentines both comic and tender. Unfortunately members of the male sex were taken in hand and were dragged (by force, and with protests) to the "Hearts and Flowers" counter. Upon arriving, they displayed an unusual amount of interest in the plumbing, the floor, or (more generally) the door. Regardless of their position, they avoided (or attempted to avoid) the inquiring, sick-calf eyes of their companions.

One Mars Hillion informed us that her boy friend was in a Military Academy. She also assured us that she did not care whether he sent her a gift or not, but she wondered if he would. Thirty minutes later she was still assuring us that she did not actually want him to send one, but just *wondered*. After she left, we swept up her fingerprints.

Then too, we all knew that the moans and screams from the post office did not indicate any individual's physical illness, but only that no Valentines had been received, or else that the box was loaded.

On Friday night as the boys were rendering their heart breaking songs, the girls assumed various attitudes. Those who had boy friends in the group calmly fainted upon the floor, but they did so with an ear in the direction of the window. Those who had only "prospects" in the crowd, settled themselves securely upon the heads, shoulders, and backs of the other girls, and no one was allowed to listen to the music until they, with the aid of the entire group of girls, had found each and everyone of their "S.P.'s". The remainder of the girls were either longing for lovers far away, lost loves, or loves never known, or shuffling nonchalantly down the hall because they just did not give a hang, or pretended they did not.

## Imagine

Imagine angels sliding down sunbeams  
And fairies imprisoned in raindrops.  
Imagine elves plaiting the moonbeams

And nymphs combing the sky.  
Imagine the world in a snowflake  
And people swinging on stars.  
Imagine the valleys full of comets  
And mountain covered in starweed.  
Imagine the clouds full of diamonds  
And the wind bathed in gold.  
Imagine the sky is a playhouse  
And every body in space a chair.  
Imagine the weather's your house-guest  
And pour out your dreams in air.

—Clara Brincefield

## MH Faculty Attends H. S. College Days

Mars Hill College, since October 27, 1952, has been represented by various members of the faculty and administration at fifty-one college day programs at which 529 students representing eighty-one high schools have been interviewed about attending Mars Hill College.

Those attending these programs which were held in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and Florida, were President Hoyt Blackwell, Robert R. Chapman, Dean R. M. Lee, Dr. Raymond Nelson, M. H. Kendall, and Miss Frances Snelson.

The purpose of these college days is to give the high school student an opportunity to investigate various colleges and to cause them to become college conscious. In addition college days give the college representative an opportunity to become acquainted with prospective students, check scholastic records, and to confer with teachers of prospective students.

### Snelson Attends

Miss Snelson attended college day in North Wilkesboro last Thursday and plans to be in six other North Carolina schools between now and April. Previously she has represented the college in twelve North Carolina cities, eighteen in South Carolina, and four each in Virginia and Florida.

Dean Lee spent February 16-20 presenting students from eight South Carolina cities with information concerning Mars Hill. Earlier in the year Dean Lee visited North Charleston High School in South Carolina.

Representing the college at Asheville High School College Day was President Blackwell, who also plans to go to several South Carolina schools in the near future.

At a College Day program held in Andrews, Dr. Nelson talked to students from Hayesville, Hiwassee Dam, and Andrews. Also representing M. H. C. were Mr. Chapman who spoke to Greenville, South Carolina students concerning college and Mr. Kendall, who visited

## Between A Book End

Something new on the shelves is the *Interpreter's Bible*. The complete set consists of ten volumes, covering every book of the Old and New Testament. These are: Volumes I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, and X. Each volume is complete with a guide to use it.

The *Interpreter's Bible* has a purpose—"to interpret the timeless truth of God's Holy Bible representing the Christian Church. It is a modern commentary on the Holy Bible from almost every branch of the Christian Church. It is necessary to complete these outlines. Each volume contains an introduction to Scripture, an individual book, an exegetical text, and relevant expositions.

An interesting little book will probably enjoy readings of *of the Spirit*, by F. B. Harbo. Minister of the Foundry Church in Washington, D. C. deals directly and helpfully with individual spiritual needs and women today. It is treated with anecdote and from literature and from their own experience and observations during extensive travel in the United States and Europe.

## DeShazo Conducts Classes At Camp

Ramon DeShazo, special English instructor at Mars Hill College, has for the past year conducted a course in English Speaking and Group Discussion at the Champion Paper and Pulp Company in Canton.

This course is open to employees of the company and is given in a series of fifteen which are offered free of charge to the employees. These courses are offered by the company in order to improve the community life of the employees. They are also offered to the employees' records.

All types of speaking are included in the course, including group discussions and after-dinner speeches. In the year of the course when the speakers were working on after-dinner speeches, one of the company officials gave the group a banquet order to create a proper atmosphere for the speakers.

The course has been so successful that plans are under way to start an advanced course next year, however, Mr. DeShazo says these plans are not definite.

Marion's annual college day program.

Recently a projector and viewer were purchased so that colored slides of Mars Hill campus can be shown to prospective students. High school students supplied with catalogues, pamphlets, stickers, and college newspapers the college representatives received the students additional information.