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Vocational Focus Week Begin Next Monday

Annual Vocational Emphasis Week will be held on Mars Hill campus March 9-13. Men representing various fields of work will be present at the regular chapel hour on the Monday morning.

MHC Represented In Forensic Meet At Lenoir Rhyne

Mars Hill college was represented at the South Atlantic and Southeastern Forensic Tourney held at Lenoir-Rhyne college in Hickory, March 5-7.

The events of the tourney were divided into men's and women's divisions. Dudley Smith and Bill Jones debated the affirmation and Barbara Saunders and Mary Jane White, the negation of the national college debate query, "Resolved: That the Congress of the United States should enact a compulsory fair employment practices law."

Tom Waller represented the college in orations, radio announcing, and radio poetry reading. In addition to debating Barbara competed in orations, after-dinner speaking, impromptu speaking, radio announcing and poetry reading.

Mary Jane entered the extemporaneous speaking, radio extemporaneous, and group discussions, while Bill gave an extemporaneous speech.

Dudley competed in after-dinner speaking, impromptu speaking, and radio group discussions.

Senior colleges from Virginia, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Tennessee took part in the tourney at which Mars Hill on special invitation was the only junior college represented.



Mrs. Wayne Sloan

MHC Welcomes New Housemother

Mrs. Wayne Sloan, from Charlotte, arrived on February 22, to become house mother for Huffman dormitory. Before accepting this responsibility, she was employed by Garcrest Mills in Charlotte.

Mrs. Sloan is a member of the Allen Street Baptist church of which Martha Yates' father is pastor. She has done extensive work with young people and taught a Sunday School class of seventeen-year-old girls. In addition she has been a choir mother, counselor of Y. W. A., and a counselor in the Young People's Training Union.

Mrs. Sloan has helped with Fellowship programs in her Charlotte church and each summer is house mother for the young people's groups going to Ridgecrest.

A widow for fifteen years, Mrs. Sloan has three sons, the youngest

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Annual Concert Given By Little Symphony

The little symphony of the North Carolina Symphony Society, under the direction of Dr. Benjamin Swalin, will present its annual concert in the college auditorium at eight o'clock on March 7.

Eight Honor Clubs Scheduled To Meet March 9 and 10

March meetings of the honor clubs will be held next Monday and Tuesday, the 9th and 10th.

The theme for the Spanish club meeting is "Spanish Sports and Amusements." Those taking part in the program are Carole Altman, Ellyn Gardner, and Beverly Gage. At the last meeting Carole Altman was elected president; Wilma June Angel, vice-president; Danny Gryder, secretary; and Ada Robinson and Sybil Lennon, co-social chairmen.

New officers of the Science club are Frieda Smithwick, president; John Lee, vice-president; Frances Jenkins, secretary; Phil Scott, treasurer; and Nan Long, social chairman. New members not previously announced are Sallie Everhart, Betty Stacy, Shirley Schuette, and James McBee. Plans for the March meeting are not complete.

Ted Buckner was elected president of the Business club at the February meeting. Other officers include Harriett Rudd, vice-president; Betty King, secretary; Thomas Land, treasurer; and Doris Hearon, reporter.

At its regular meeting Scriblerus club will have as guest speaker, John Foster West of Elon College.

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Dr. Swalin received his M. A. degree from Columbia University and his Ph. D. from the University of Vienna. He studied violin under Leopold Auer and Franz Kneisel, and did advanced study at the Institute of Musical Art in New York. For ten years he served as a member of the faculty at the University of North Carolina before becoming in 1940 full-time director of the Symphony.

The program will consist of Vivaldi's *Concerto in G Minor*, arranged by Nachez; Prokofieff's *Classical Symphony*, Opera 25; Alfven's *Elegy*; and William's *Suite of English Folk Songs*, which includes "Seventeen Come Sunday," "My Bonny Boy," and "Folk Songs From Somerset." There will also be excerpts from the opera *Carmen* by Bizet, Torch's "Shooting Star," Liszt's "Liebestraum," and *Hungarian Rhapsody No. II*.

The North Carolina Symphony originated as a WPA project under the leadership of Lamar Stringfield. It developed into a permanent organization with the aim of taking good symphonic music to every part of the state. The Symphony has

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Home Ec Club Sponsors Show

The annual fashion show to be presented by the Home Economics club in the college cafeteria March 11, will be supplemented by a fashion show of Vogue patterns, under the direction of Mrs. Turner of Ivey's in Asheville.

Mrs. J. V. Howell, sponsor for the club, is general supervisor of the fashion show. Working with Mrs. Turner is Betty York, vice-president and program chairman of the club.

Other students working with the show and their committees are refreshment, Ann Craft, Geraldine Rhmer, Sylvia Dabbs, and Ruby Mays; music, Sybil Lennon and Sally Everhart; decoration, Becky Trammell, Becky Poteat, and Barbara Epting; publicity, Nancy Buckner, Joyce Sinclair, and Edith Bradley; script, Lora Hossley and Jean Smith; and models, Betty York and Sybilene Blenson. The executive committee is composed of Shirley Mitchell and Jean Echols.

Spring Holidays Begins March 27

According to information from Dean Lee's office, spring holidays begin for each student at the end of his last class on Friday, March 27.

Everyone is expected to attend his first class on Tuesday, April 7. Cuts before holidays count double. No cuts are permitted at the end of holidays.

John Foster West, MHC Graduate, Is Featured On Scriblerus Program

John Foster West, 1942 graduate of Mars Hill who is now an associate Professor of English at Elon College, will be the speaker at the March meeting of the Scriblerus Club next Tuesday evening. Mr. West specializes in creative writing,

and has published a volume of collected poetry as well as sold several short stories and poems to national publications.

During his senior year at Mars Hill, Mr. West was editor of the *Hilltop*. After graduating, he attended the University of North Carolina for three years, where he received his M.A. in English. He has also done work toward his Ph.D. in English at the University and at the University of Iowa.

Mr. West has received several honors in the field of literature. His novel, *Unto the Hills*, was runner-up in the Intercollegiate Novel Fellowship for 1941, sponsored by Dodd, Mead Co., and he was first prize winner in the North Carolina Poetry Contest for 1951, sponsored by the North Carolina Poetry Council, of which he is now a member. He was also regional winner in the Poetry Day contest for 1950 sponsored by the North Carolina Poetry Society, and is an honorary lifetime member of the International Mark Twain Society.

His book of poetry, entitled *Up Ego!*, contains twenty-seven pieces and is dedicated to the poet's more

Riabikoff To Render College Performance

George Riabikoff, pianist, will perform at Mars Hill Tuesday night, March 17, at 7:30 in the college auditorium.

Mr. Riabikoff has gained a reputation of excellence in his interpretation of Russian works. On the first half of the program will be featured "Picture at an Exhibition" by Moussorgsky.

At present the pianist is a student of Gina Bachauer, renowned Greek concert pianist.

As a child, Mr. Riabikoff performed for many of Russia's outstanding composers and leading performers.

Choir Plans Tour; Leaves March 14

College choir is making final preparations for the spring tour, which will begin March 14. The tour will include churches and high schools in North Carolina, Virginia, and Washington, D. C.

The concert schedule is as follows: March 15, Pullen Memorial church, Raleigh, and First Baptist church, South Boston, Va.; March 16, South Hill High school, Hill, Va.; March 17, Thomas Jefferson high school, Richmond, Va.; March 18, Tacoma Baptist church, Washington, Va.; March 19, Culpepper high school, Culpepper, Va., and First Baptist church, Charlottesville, Va.; March 20, E. C. Glass high school, Burg, Va., and Melrose Baptist church, Roanoke, Va.; March 21, First Baptist church, Mt. Airy; March 22, First Baptist church, Wilkesboro.

The touring choir is under the direction of Miss Dorothy Weaver.

Art Department Receives Kiln

Amaco electric ceramics kiln, used for firing clay pieces, has been added to the equipment of the Art Department. The firing temperature of the kiln is 2000 degrees Fahrenheit.

Along with the kiln were received eight pottery wheels plus a variety of glazes and clays. It is expected that the art students will

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