

## Debate Team Ends Forensic Season With High Honors

The Mars Hill debate team concluded its forensic season by taking third place honors at the Southeastern Debate Tournament, held in Atlanta, Ga., May first and second, and sponsored by Emory University. In addition, Barbara Saunders was awarded a trophy for second place speaker on the negative side, and Dudley Smith received a similar trophy on the affirmative side.

Among the teams participating in the tournament were the University of Tennessee, Davidson College, Georgia Tech, Morehouse College, Mercer University, North Carolina State University, University of North Carolina, and Wofford College.

A resume of the year's activities in debating includes the Grand National Forensic Tournament at Fredericksburg, Va., April 1-5, sponsored by Mary Washington College, where Barbara Saunders was declared Grand National Champion in Response to the Occasion. Mary Jane White was adjudged Grand National Champion Informative Speech for Women, and the negative team was awarded a certificate of merit certifying them as one of the "Big Five" debate teams presented in the tour-

At the South Atlantic Tournament, sponsored by Lenoir-Rhyne College March 5-7, Mars Hill won one out of fourteen debates.

At the Mountain Tournament, sponsored by Appalachian State University, Mars Hill took first place in impromptu speaking, second place in the women's division debating, and first place in the women's division of radio announcing and after-dinner speaking. Mary Jane White took first place in the women's division of extemporaneous speaking and second in the women's division of impromptu speaking. Dudley Smith was

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## MH Camera Club to Exhibit Prints

The Mars Hill College Camera Club will climax their opening year of operation with an exhibit of prints taken and developed by members of the club to be held in the sun parlors of Spilman Dormitory tomorrow and through next week. All prints will be judged before being placed in the exhibit. In addition to the prints on display, a series of color slides will be shown on the opening day of the exhibit. A table-top display depicting the photographing, developing, and printing processes involved in photographic work will also be on exhibit.

All prints, both color and black-and-white, will be accompanied by contest rating, the name of the photographer, the type camera used, etc. The judges for the contest have not yet been selected.



Appearing above are the 1953 commencement marshals, chosen by a committee from the faculty on the basis of scholarship, campus citizenship, and personality. They are, from left to right descending the stair, first row: Gena Jo Fant, Jacquelyn Roberts, Ruth Poston, Peggy Huss, Charles Bobo, and Barbara Barr. Back row: Tom Waller (chief marshal), Heyward Moore, Bill Ferguson, Janet Spangler, Kenneth Freeman, Dottie Phillips, James Potts, and Bobby Coley.

## Society Day To Highlight Commencement Week

Mars Hill's annual Society Day will be held Saturday, May 30, beginning with the inter-society contests in the college auditorium.

Representing Euthalia in the oration contest will be John Lee and representing Philomathia will be Clinnie Redick. In the declamation contest, Ray Rogers will represent Eu, and Tom Waller will represent Phi.

## Honor Clubs Elect Semester Officers

Honor Club officers for fall semester 1953-54 have been elected. Presiding in IRC for next year will be Heyward Moore. Vice-president will be Geno Jo Fant; Carolyn Black, social secretary; Frances Gardner, secretary; and Geraldine Simmons, hostess.

Officers for the French Club include Laurena Hardin, president; Grace Savage, vice-president; and Mildred Scroggs, secretary. Scriblerus has chosen Rachel Baird as their president; Dan Pace, vice-president; and Amy Fisher, secretary.

The German Club will have Charles Green as president; Gary Tilman, vice-president; and Betty Pike, secretary. Peggy Huss will be president for the Business Club, assisted by Charles Bobo, vice-president; Jane Cook, secretary; and Joanne Watson, treasurer.

Officers for the Science Club are Dick Hughes, president; Ruth Poston, vice-president; Al Emory, secretary; John Blake, treasurer; and Alicia Osteen and Mary Ann Elliot, social chairmen.

Those for the Spanish Club are Sybil Lennon, president; Nancy Lowder, vice-president; Marie Smith, secretary; and Bob Fulbright, treasurer.

The Bible Honor Club will be initiated next year, giving a total of nine Honor Clubs on our campus. This club will not be affiliated with the religious activities of the campus, but will be classified as an honor club with M. H. Kendall as adviser. The aim of the club is to study more thoroughly the details of the Bible and the ancient times of the Greeks, Romans, and Hebrews, which can

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## Boys' Dormitories Elect Fall Officers

House officers for next year have been elected in all three of the boys' dormitories. They are as follows:

In Brown, Ed Johnson is president and Charles Hughes is vice-president. Al Emory was elected secretary-treasurer, and Ronell Owensby will assume the duties of chaplain.

New house president in Melrose is Heyward Moore. Joe Murray is vice-president; Emmet Elledge, secretary-treasurer; and Owen Hunt, chaplain.

In Treat, Ward Burch is president; Charles Green is vice-president; Gary Tillman is secretary-treasurer; and Jimmy Ballard and John Madison are joint chaplains.

## Dr. G. F. Palmer To Speak To Graduating Class, June 1

### Diplomas Awarded To 170 Seniors

Dr. Gordon F. Palmer of Los Angeles, Calif., lecturer and educator, will address the approximately 170 students in the graduating class at the 1953 commencement exercises to be held Monday, June 1, at 9:45 a.m. in the college auditorium.

## Choir To Present Concert May 31

The Touring Choir will present its final concert of the year in the Mars Hill Baptist Church Sunday evening, May 31, following the Baccalaureate Sermon that morning.

The Choir has presented over station WWNC in Asheville, two broadcasts during the past month, the first on April 18, and the second on May 2.

On April 22, the choir made their final trip of the season to Western North Carolina Teacher's College at Cullowhee, where they presented a concert and were later guests of the college at a tea. Monigan Baptist Church and Park Baptist Church, both in Greenville, S. C., were hosts to the choir on April 19. A program of spiritual and secular music was presented at Lee Edwards High School in Asheville April 14.

The main event in the choir's year was the spring tour, which included concerts in schools and churches in North Carolina, Virginia, and Washington, D. C. Parents of several members of the choir entertained the group during the tour.

## Three Girls To Give Graduating Recitals

The music faculty will present Wilda Bell, Kay Hooper, and Julianne Sinclair in the final graduating recital Monday night, May 18, at 8 o'clock, in the college auditorium. The three sopranos are pupils of Miss Dorothy Weaver.

Wilda will sing "Alleluja" by Mozart, "Les Berceaux" by Faure, "Ouvre tes Yeux Bleus" by Massenet, "The Statue" by Cui, "Ballynure Ballad" by Hughes, and "Take Joy Home" by Bassett.

Kay will sing "Connais-tu le Pays" by Thomas, "Andenken" by Beethoven, "Now Sleeps the Crimson Petal" by Quilter, "My Johann" by Grieg, "I Passed by Your Window" by Brahe, and "My Soul's Been Anchored in de Lord" by Price.

Julianne will sing "Batti, Batti" by Mozart, "Dear Nussbaum" by Schumann, "Air Vif" by Paulenc, "Lady of the Amber Wheat" by Dittenhaver, "I Know Where I'm Going" arranged by Hughes, "Come Away Death" by Quilter, and "Love's Philosophy" by Quilter.

Dr. Palmer is the son-in-law of the late M. C. Treat, for whom Treat dormitory is named. He was born in Cambridgeshire, England, and took his degree from the Berkeley Divinity School. He also studied at Rochester Theological Seminary.

He was pastor of churches in Michigan, and in Los Angeles and Pomona, California. From 1936 through 1948, he was president of the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. He is a former president of the Northern Baptist Convention and a member of the International Religious Education Council.

Dr. Palmer is also a life member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a member of the American Council on Public Relations, a trustee of

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## Literary Societies Select C-I Officers

C-I officers were elected by the four societies at their regular meetings April 30, and May 1.

Clio will be headed by Joanne Nixon. Dot Childers is vice-president; Charlotte Venable, secretary; and Phyllis Ware, censor. Betty Wyatt is chaplain.

Paul Stouffer will lead the Phis, with Mitchell Carnell as vice-president. Paul Johnson and Bob Coley will act as secretary and censor respectively.

In Nonpareil, Virginia Lake is the new president. Pat Loving and Mary Frances Cowart will serve as vice-presidents. Alva Wallace is secretary; Edna Smith, censor; and Faye White, chaplain.

David Morrow will lead Euthalia, and Bill Ferguson will serve as vice-president. Palmer Mills is secretary; Dewey Young, censor; and Gene Lawrence, chaplain.