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## The Unidentified

In the preceding edition of the *Hilltop*, there was an article concerning the many portraits of those connected with the college and its promotion which hang in the campus buildings. Without pretending to have included all of them, this article fills over a column with names and brief sketches of what these people have done for Mars Hill. Yet, the *Hilltop* continues with newer editions, and the old copies find their way into the wastebasket or the filing cabinet, while the portraits continue to hang unidentified on the walls of the library, society halls, and dormitories. Why?

Generations upon generations of "Mars Hillians" have walked past these portraits with little or no notice, and will continue to do so unless something is done. Many have looked for a time, and finding no clue to who the person might be, have forgotten it and passed on to other things. Thus a valuable interest in the college and its founding and experiences down through the years has passed from their minds. And all because these portraits lack the addition of small, simple nameplates attached to the bottom of the frame. A few have them, yes; but there are many more which do not.

Why are these pictures left unidentified? Why must these nameless faces adorn our walls without notice or value? It is our suggestion that carefully selected and plainly marked pictures of the founders and supporters of the college would go far toward improving the students' interest in Mars Hill College.

## Not All Ours

Because we here at Mars Hill so often hear the phrase, "you are the college," or perhaps because our own lives are tied up with Mars Hill, we are sometimes inclined to think that Mars Hill College begins and ends on the campus itself. Little do we realize how close Mars Hill is to its numerous friends, founders, alumni, and such non-campus organizations as the Baptist State Convention, a fact illustrated with striking clarity by the recent proposed gift of \$250,000 with which to build a new library. (see page 1, col. 4).

Not only is "our" college a product of the contributions of other people down through the years, but it is continually being added to, supported, and pointed out by those who have never been part of its student body. Time and again, the State Convention has approved loans for building and improvement purposes. Only last year they approved a loan for the new Mars Hill Baptist Church. At present, they are considering the loan of \$250,000 to go into a new dormitory for boys.

Gifts of money are frequent occurrences. The smallest contribution from alumni of the college helps. Last year, parents of students as well as friends of the college contributed to the building fund for the new church. Large gifts of money and property have come to the school in the past. Founders of the college often turned what little profit they had back into the school, or worked without remuneration for the benefit of Mars Hill.

Those in responsible positions at larger universities and colleges often recommend Mars Hill to the prospective students as an excellent institution in which to acquire their first two years of college education. These men and women have done much to promote the college as an educational center.

In short, the college, though partially "ours," belongs also to those men and women who watch over its welfare and progress down through the years.

## "Congratulations"

Hats off to the pranksters who *didn't* prank this Hallowe'en, at least not on the campus of Mars Hill College. Very few firecrackers went off at all, and the outdoor furniture was left where it was supposed to be. Nor was there much litter left about the grounds. Congratulations for the safest, sanest Hallowe'en Mars Hill College has had in years!

## Hallowe'en Goblins Celebrate Occasion

"The Goblins will git ye if ya don't watch out!"

The gibbous moon arose slowly over the deserted cafeteria last Saturday night. It was Hallowe'en, and huddled in the shadows was the queen of the witches herself mixing her deadly brew, mumbling, and laughing hideously.

Suddenly she saw the members of the student council, who had left the ball game early, creeping slyly toward their dormitories. She quickly changed into a disguise, and confronted them. Luring them into the darkness, she put a hex upon the startled victims. All the girls were changed instantly into ghastly witches and the boys into spooky goblins!

It was at this moment that the football game ended and the crowds came wearily up the hill. The witches and goblins were gathered about the huge black cauldron. Now was their chance; they would entertain the student body and all of a sudden put a hex on them too. First they tried singing, then doing skits and stunts, but the students were too smart for them. The witches decided to try another angle; feed them! The goblins served the witches brew (hot chocolate) from the big pot. Cackling witches then flew about on their broomsticks, tossing punctured moons (doughnuts) to the bewildered guests.

This was the last straw! The starving students began eating fiercely; after all the food was free, for a change. The old queen witch lifted her hand, but by now the moon was waning and the evil enchantment was broken. She herself must leave or die, for her reign would be over at dawn. The old queen hopped on her magic broomstick, and angry at her failure, flew back to the land of make believe.

## Meetings Attended By Faculty and Staff

Members of the Mars Hill faculty have attended various meetings, conventions, etc., during the year.

Dr. Hoyt Blackwell spoke on the subject of "Christian Education," at the annual meeting of the Randolph Association on October 21. On October 22 and 23, he attended the quarterly meeting of the North Carolina Baptist Council on Christian Education. This meeting discussed financial alterations for the new church.

Dr. Blackwell, Dean Lee, and Dr. Holt attended the quarterly meeting of the Educational Council of the Baptist State Convention, October 22-23. On October 29, Dean Lee attended a meeting of the Standards Committee of the North Carolina College Conference, which met in the library of the State Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh. Following this meeting, Dean Lee along with Dr. Blackwell and Dr. Holt attended the annual meeting of the N. C. College Conference, held at Sedgefield Inn in Sedgefield, November 5 and 6. Dean Lee plans to attend the Southern Economic Association meeting to be held November 13 and 14 at Atlanta, Ga.

In the history department, Mr. Harley Jolley, Miss Mary Jean Smith, and Miss Evelyn Under-

## Notice Our Exchange Papers

Have you noticed the exchange papers of the *Hilltop* in the Reserve Library? They are placed there each week in order that they will be accessible to everyone. Find out the latest news of other colleges. If there are any suggestions for exchanges, they will be appreciated very much, and will be added to the exchange list.

In looking through the latest exchanges we find in the *Appalachian* a report on B.S.U. plans for the B.S.U. convention in Winston-Salem.

## The Casual Observer

Winter has arrived. This brilliant statement, far from being a commentary on the weather, is rather an observation in connection with the various seasonal displays of what Webster defines as "covering for the human body," namely clothes. The following is intended neither as criticism nor praise, but merely as an observation by one who does not claim to be an expert on Paris fashions, nor care to become one.

For instance, winter coats are an obvious necessity. Their function is to keep one from becoming chilled. Is it necessary, however, in the process, to make the wearer look like a streamlined version of an Egyptian pyramid? We refer to those garments which fit at the neck somewhat in the manner of a noose, below which point all fit ends entirely. The material simply drops from neck to ankle with all the grace of a horse-blanket, making the wearer strongly resemble a walking tow-sack.

Rainwear, too, furnishes an interesting spectacle. Should some enterprising individual have the lack of common sense to stand in the deluge and watch the people go by, he might be surprised. Large bundles of damp rustling plastic bundle themselves about the campus, yards and yards of the stuff completely concealing any sign of the human form. As if it were possible for anything to get through all this, the wearer is often sheltered by the additional protection of something that resembles the topmost tower of an Oriental pagoda. Variations on this give Christmas-tree and tight-rope paralog effects. Weird, to say the least!

Then there is the ornamentation department. The latest thing in this field seems to be small bands of narrow leather worn around the ankle. They not only look like, but are, dog collars. When worn on the canine for which it was intended, a dog collar serves a useful purpose of control and restraint. Heaven knows (this observer certainly doesn't)

wood will attend the Southern Historical Association's ninth annual meeting November 12 and 14, at Jacksonville, Florida.

In the language department, Miss Smith and Mrs. Mahlon Fish attended the North Carolina Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of Romance Languages at Duke University in Durham. The meeting broke up into separate sessions of French and Spanish teachers following a general session.

Mrs. Jones V. Howell has returned from Raleigh, where she attended the meeting of the North Carolina State Home Economics Association on November 5 and 6. Sessions were held in the Textile Building of State College. The theme of the conference was "Living Your Home Economics."

Appalachian is one of approximately fifty colleges represented this year. "Worship and Work" is the theme which will be carried on by outstanding speakers.

The *Daily Tar Heel* — The University Chemistry Department has just received an addition at the cost of \$1,700,000. The new section more than doubles the space of the department and give the University the largest and best equipped college chemistry department in the Southeast.

The *Western Graphic* reports on U. D. C. The United Campus drive is sponsored by the World University Service. Its purpose is to raise funds for various organizations. Many North Carolina colleges are joining in this drive.

This past week three colleges picked "Who's Who In American Colleges and Universities." Eleven student representatives were picked from Lenoir Rhyne, seventeen seniors from O.B.U., and twenty-three from Wake Forest. Each year, students recognized in Who's Who are nominated from approximately 650 colleges and universities throughout the country.

what purpose such ornamentation serves when draped about the ankles of a college coed, unless of course she desires for some obscure reason to break either her leg or her neck by tripping over the thing. Who knows? In years to come we may find ourselves decked out in full harness and wearing horse-shoes and saddle-blankets.

## Between The Book Ends

Dr. Paul Radin, author of the popular book, *The Story of the American Indian*, has scored again with his newest book, *The World of the Primitive Man*.

This book throws a completely new light on the primitive cultures. Dr. Radin discusses the primitive man in a positive manner, taking into consideration his psychological make-up of the primitive society, its government, law, the social and personal status of man within that society, and man and his world in myth, literature and philosophy.

The social relations of the aboriginals ranged from simple clans to villages; government ranged from the loosest kind of chieftainship to an inheritable kingship.

There was no universal religion, writing was unknown, and the chief trade was agriculture. The psychological make-up, the primitive man is divided by Dr. Radin into two divisions: the man of action and the thinker.

The book is of interest to those persons who are interested in the culture of the aboriginals as well as to students of psychology and anthropology.