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PROPOSED NEW DORMITORY FOR MEN

Construction On Library, Dormitory To Begin Soon

Construction work on the new library and the new dormitory for men is expected to begin within the next thirty days, as Mars Hill College's rapidly progressing building program goes forward. Both will be built by the Interstate Contracting Company, of Charlotte, North Carolina, which was awarded the contract on the basis of a bid of \$522,924 submitted for the two buildings.

Architect for the library and dormitory is Henry I. Gaines, of Asheville's Six Associates. The above illustration and the one at the bottom of the page are architect's conceptions of the outsides of the two structures.

Glee Club Plans Choral Concert

The Spring Choral Concert is scheduled for the evening of April 24, at 7:30 in the auditorium. Under the direction of Mrs. Fred Poplin three groups, the Women's Glee Club, the Men's Glee Club, and the two combined will sing folk songs, popular ballads, and religious choruses.

Highlighting the program will be Beethoven's "Hallelujah Chorus," from the *Mount of Olives*, sung by the mixed chorus. An opera, *Bastien and Bastienne*, by Mozart, will be presented by the Girl's Glee Club. The opera is set during the latter part of the eighteenth century and costumes of this period will be worn.

Accompanists for the groups will be Iris Jo Cundiff, Molly Parrish, and George Payne.

Publications Staffs Chosen For 1954-55

Principal positions on the 1954-55 *Hilltop* and *Laurel* staffs have been filled by the respective nominating committees of each, and the student body has approved the slate.

Mary Long will edit the *Laurel*, with Mimi Devine as associate editor. Business manager for the yearbook will be Jackson Hooper.

Gladys Stamper has been chosen editor of the *Hilltop*, and Shirley Sumner will be associate editor. Sports editor is Leon Rooke; exchange editor, David Stooke. Advertising managers are Betty Pearson and Pat Campbell, and circulation will be handled by James Conner and Shirley Daniels.

News Briefs

Editor Bobby Coley has announced that the 1954 annuals should arrive some time around May 10. The proofs of both the copy and the pictures have been received, and although the date of delivery is not certain, there is no reason to believe that the *Laurel* will not be ready by that date.

Congratulations to the John Marrs on the latest addition to their family, a baby girl named Joan Adele.

Margaret Johnston, last year's *Hilltop* editor and a class of '53 graduate, has been elected co-editor of the Furman University *Hornet*, the campus weekly. Margaret is in her first year at Furman, from which she plans to graduate in 1955.

At 7:30 this morning the seniors began the annual Senior Day activities by leaving for an outing at North Mills River, near Asheville. (Continued on page 3)

"Antigone" Cast Begins Practice

Tryouts for the commencement play, "Antigone," adapted from Sophocles by Lewis Galantieri, were held on April 2 and 3 in the college auditorium. This play is different from the usual ones at Mars Hill College in that this is a classical tragedy.

The following cast was selected; with the second person named acting as understudy; Chorus, Billie Jane Hall and Toni Snider; Antigone, Dottie Phillips and Betty Threatt; Nurse, Vivian Jenkins and Dot Childers; Ismene, Katy Katsarka and Charlotte Venable; Halmon, John Westbrook and LaVerne Henson; Creon, Howard Webb and James Parton; first guard, Al Peacock and Bill Hegler; second guard, Dick Agee and Carl Barker; third guard, Brooks Allen and Lewis Collins; messenger, Gayle Brown and David Pittman; page, Kitzi Miller and Bill Delk; Eurydice, Faye Pierce and Joann Denton.

Rehearsals are now in progress. On Monday, April 19, the Dra- (Continued on Page 4)

Easter To Mark Opening Of New Church Building

The new Mars Hill Baptist Church will open its doors for its first full service tomorrow morning at eleven o'clock. Sunday School in the new quarters will begin as usual at nine forty-five, and both groups as well as the various training unions have set attendance goals for the Easter service.

On Sunday evening, the 8:00 o'clock service will include the singing of John Stainer's *Crucifixion* by the adult choir and two soloists, Jim Beane, and Mrs. Fred Poplin. Following the anthem twenty candidates for Baptism will receive the rite.

Violinist To Play Here This Week

Mary Freeman, noted violinist of Rutherfordton, will appear in concert, April 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the college auditorium.

Miss Freeman studied for seven years at the Juilliard School of Music in the Preparatory Division and graduated from the Grammar School and High School of Music and Art. She later received a five year scholarship at Juilliard for the highest entrance rating.

She has appeared at Town Hall as guest artist for the Texaco Company and was chosen to play on the Artist Concert Summer Series at Juilliard. She has given many concerts in the South as well as in and around New York.

While attending the High School of Music and Art, she was elected to the Honor Music League and the Honor Service League. She was chosen one of the four violinists among twenty-one student winners in the 1951 Musical Talent in our schools contest, sponsored by the New York Times.

She has played solo with the Music and Art Symphony Orchestra, and was awarded the La Guardia award for outstanding musicianship and contribution to the school community. For the last two years she has been studying with the Belgian violinist Eduoard Dethier.

Miss Freeman made a concert tour of the South in 1950 at which time she played for churches, hospitals, and schools.

Preparation for the opening of the new church has been in progress since early this week, when the Sunday School room furniture was moved in and the offices set up for occupancy. General assembly and individual training union meetings will be held in the Sunday School rooms for the first time tomorrow evening.

Goal of attendance set by the College is 600, while that of the town is 300. The auditorium has a capacity of 1100, and the total Sunday School capacity is 700. Construction on the new church began a little over a year ago, on April 1, of 1953.

Dramateers To Give "Doll" At Festival

The Mars Hill Dramateers will present "Cornhusk Doll" at 9:00 A.M. on April 23, in the annual Drama Festival in the Playmakers Theatre, Chapel Hill.

The cast includes: Dottie Phillips, an actress; Brooks Allen as Jake Roberts, her manager; Toni Snider as Dorothy Gates, a reporter; Vivian Jenkins as Katie, the maid; and LaVerne Hinson as Walden, the butler.

Carl Barker is stage manager. Billie Jane Hall is property and make-up chairman. D. T. Holland is director.

A large number of high schools and colleges from over the state will participate in the Drama Festival.

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