

Notable Birthday

Birthdays are important events in the life of people today for they mark a period of growth and development in the experience of the individual. The same is true of an institution, namely our own Mars Hill College.

Yes, the oldest educational institution of continuing existence in Western North Carolina and also the first school founded by Baptists in the state west of the Blue Ridge Mountains is celebrating the beginning of its ninety-ninth year of service to Baptists, on October 12. This day, known as Founders Day, has been chosen because it is the birthday of Edward Carter, the man who gave the four-acre tract of land upon which the first building was erected.

The exact date of the opening of French Broad Baptist Institute, as the school was first called, is not known. Records merely state that the first term began "in the fall of 1856." Nevertheless a group of pioneer citizens of limited means erected, at sacrificial cost, a modest building which marked the beginning of the school.

Although formal celebration will be limited by other activities, it is fitting for us to pause on this day and pay tribute to the founders of the College as well as to the many others who have contributed to the welfare and advancement of the school for the past ninety-nine years. To these great men we want to express our gratitude for a wonderful heritage and a bright future. Truly, we are indebted to them for the proud position Mars Hill College holds as an outstanding liberal arts junior college.

We, the classes of '55 and '56 have a big responsibility and too, a great opportunity to hold high the ideals and standards of this, our Alma Mater. Certainly we want "our efforts through the glad years" to bring tribute to Mars Hill College. Let us join our hearts in this prayer, "Dear Lord, help us to keep sacred the heritage from our fathers."

For Your Benefit

The Blue Book has become a Mars Hill tradition. The students dread the test which they must take on the contents of the Blue Book, but even more do they disapprove of the rules in the book. Anywhere one may be on Mars Hill campus there will be someone complaining about the rules. Let us analyze a few of the rules.

First, many students dislike closed study hours. Really, it is hard to sit in one's room for two hours and forty-five minutes if you have nothing to do. If you are like most of the students you are always saying, "I have so much to do." True, you do have a lot to do. We observe closed study hours to give you a quiet time to do a part of the "so much" that you are continuously talking about. Few students have enough self-discipline to make themselves stay in their rooms and study when they could be doing something more enjoyable.

Numerous homesick C-I's have expressed their desire to go home for a weekend. The blue book says that a student must remain on campus for five weeks before going home. When down in the "dumps", it is hard to understand why the rules say "no". Early in the semester students are becoming adjusted to college life. They are forming study habits which will determine their success or failure in college. Interrupting one's studying until the process is well underway is not good. For many, entering college coincides with his being away from parents and home for the first time. A trip home before becoming adjusted to college has a tendency to make one more homesick upon his return to school.

Oh, yes, Thanksgiving many former Mars Hillians will return from Senior colleges and tell of the fun they are having. When we compare the rules of other colleges with those of Mars Hill College we must remember that the students talking are juniors and seniors. At senior colleges the freshmen have strict rules and regulations. Since we do not have separate dormitories for C-I's and C-II's, it is necessary for them to observe the same rules.

When one really thinks about the rules it is easy to see that they are not so bad. The ones who made them have had much experience with college students. They know what is best for us. We can see that the rules are for our own good. Do you not agree?

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Faith at Work

By Shirley Bradley

Do you want each day to be a happier one? Nothing begins a day better than a quiet time with God. You can observe this quiet time with other students at Morning Watch at 6:50 A. M. each day. This early morning worship period is held in the amphitheater while it is warm weather. During the winter it will be held in the old church. Student speakers bring short messages and special music is provided.

Bags for the "Listen Fund" have been distributed. Try putting in a penny a day. You won't miss it, and you would be surprised at how far a penny goes when it is helping someone to help himself. At the end of each month someone will come around to your room to collect your contribution for the "Listen Fund."

You can get a "lift out of life" by attending Sunday School and Training Union tomorrow at 9:45 A. M. and 6:45 P. M. Come early and sit near the front to avoid the confusion of latecomers searching for seats.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship is very active this year. The Methodists really have a great time together at their M. Y. F. meetings each Sunday night during Training Union.

Brotherhood Invites

Brotherhood invites all you young men to join with them in fellowship. Brotherhood, which is brother to the Y. W. A.'s, is really doing great things under the leadership of its president, Charles Crooke.

"Give of Your Best" was the foremost thought in the Y. W. A. general meeting Friday evening, October 1. Gail Fulbright, the Y. W. A. president, opened the program with prayer, after a quiet meditation period of violin and piano music. Huffman dormitory was in charge of the program which was presented after an inspirational devotion by Ada Lee Deacon. A playlet was presented by Faye Pierce and Phyllis Yates which presented the meaning of tithing and the understanding of the tithe. "I Surrender All" was sung by Doris May before a dismissal prayer by Pat Thomas. Miss Hopkins, the Y. W. A. counselor, presented a great challenge to the minds and hearts of each one present. Within hearts she raised the question, "Are you giving of your best?"

The Youth Temperance Council held its first meeting September 26, at 4:00 P. M. in the old church. The theme was "A Temperate Life." Bill Brogden was the speaker. All interested students are invited to attend the next meeting on October 17.

Ministerial Conference

The Ministerial Conference met September 23. Forty-five members were present. Bob Gray presided. Those on program were Jim Otis, and Lloyd Jackson. Ernest Ferrell spoke to the group on 1 Cor. 4:5. Lloyd Jackson was elected secretary. In the meeting on September 30 Mr. Roberts, Mr. Whiteside and Miss Frances discussed the part of music on the worship program. Mr. Sodeman gave a most inspiring message.

The Mission Council is working vigorously this year. Trips are sponsored each week. Those taking part in the program at Oteen, September 26, were Lloyd Jackson, Larry Painter, and Paul Caudill as speakers in the wards. Ward leaders were Mimi Devine, April Flowers, and Russell Myers. Don Metcalf and Mary Jane Northern were chapel soloists. Leaders at Swannanoa last Sunday were Vadna DeLoach and Sylvia Corliss. Louise Mizell was chapel soloist, and Gordon Knight and Tommy Stagner

Others Have; Why Not You?

What is it? Where are they going? What are they going to do? Why are they in their "Sunday best"?

These are the questions which are floating around as the members of various honor clubs prepare for the first meeting of the year. Many of the C-I's do not know exactly the "whys" and "whats" of honor clubs as yet. Believe it or not, they will soon catch on and be just as much a part of the clubs as the C-II's.

Yes, you too can be a member of an honor club. You may say, "Oh, I'm not a brain". Look for a moment at the C-II who lives next door. Do you consider him a brain? Does he sit with his nose in a book all of the time? You say, "Well I am going to have fun at college. I am not going to be a bookworm." The C-II's around you who belong to honor clubs are not necessarily "brains". Neither are they all bookworms. They only used their time to the best advantage.

It is easy to have fun and still attain a high scholastic record. It takes courage to stay in your room or dig material from the library when others are dating, loafing, or attending a meeting or a movie.

As a college student you must decide the subject that you are most interested in and the things that are most important in every day life. Are you interested in science? Then strive to do your very best in science, not forgetting your other courses. Or do you perhaps plan to major in Spanish, or history, or music? There are clubs in all these fields and a few others. High academic grades should certainly be one of your major objectives in college. Accumulate them and become a prospect for honor club membership next January.

Requirements

A requirement of thirty quality points, a B in the subject concerned, not less than a C in any subject, and an invitation are required for entrance into an honor club. The clubs meet once a month and have programs of interest on subjects related to the club's endeavor. The members dress semi-formal except for special occasions.

For the present, only the C-II's will be a part of the honor clubs, but early next semester, many C-I's will have an opportunity to become a part of one of the clubs. Perhaps if the C-I's study and meet the requirements, a choice will have to be made as to which honor club to join. Choosing is hard, but the fellowship, programs and refreshments are fun. See you in honor club next semester!

There are meters trochaic,
And meters iambic,
And meters of musical tone,
But the meter
That's neater, and sweeter,
Completer,
Is to meet 'er in the moonlight
Alone.

—Selected.

Between Thees- Book Ends

Picaresque, nostalgic and close to the earth, are all words describing the novel *Rainbow on the Road* which shows a pagan world against a deeply Puritan background. If you really want to recapture the scenes of New England before railroads had come and the stagecoach and flatboat were their heyday, read this recent work by a prominent American author, Esther Forbes.

Rainbow on the Road is a tale of a man (or two men, depending how you look at it) and a legend. Ballads were being sung about Rufus Lambkin, highwayman, while Eddy and Jude Rebough, the itinerant painter who so strangely resembled him, were still alive, indeed before Jude was arrested for the act. Jude should have liked to commit suicide. It is Jude's story, told by one who traveled with him up and down New England for a singularly glorious year. Jude was still in his twenties then. Eddy, his helper, was a boy of fourteen. Is it any wonder that to him New England was a magic land, the land of his youth?

What It Was

Just after school started
There arose in the dorms,
Such terrible sickness
The infirmary was a-swarm.
Seems everyone's tummy—
Both male's and female's—
Seemed filled, not with butterflies
But zebras and whales.

Housemothers were frantic,
The Deans, all upset;
Nurse Brewer, in a tizzy;
The docs, in a sweat.
"It looks like mendophobia,
Or else cyclothymic."
"Could be verbigeration,
But not inclomymic."

To this college campus
Famed doctors came down.
Specialists by the dozen
Flew into the town.
Bue finally the gardener
Discovered the disease—
'Twas those darn green apples
On the old apple trees.

—Joan McLean

Fellow-students, have you noticed the rack of newspapers in the northwest corner of the reserve library? Those are our exchanges. Go back and take a look. Maybe your high school paper is there, or perhaps the paper from your favorite senior college. If it is not, let us know!

were speakers. The Cane River services are showing great progress. In the near future the week-end revivals will start. Be much in prayer for these services.

Our B. S. U. Executive Council can now see with satisfaction the results of good preparation in the high attendance at Sunday School and Training Union. This preparation started during the summer with prayer, correspondence, and individual planning, and it took a definite form during the pre-school retreat. The Council is now busy planning, and giving programs and mission trips, and working in Sunday School and Training Union. With the backing of all the students great things can be expected from the B. S. U. Council.