

Welcome Home!

Welcome home, alumni! Our hearts are open to all of you. During the short time that we have been here, Mars Hill has come to mean a great deal in each of our lives. Few other places would one find the competitive spirit combined with respect between organizations such as one finds between our societies. Few colleges have the Christian atmosphere that is prevalent on our campus. Where else are such songs as "Glory to His Name" sung with such harmonious volume as here? These things mean much in our lives. We thank you for the part that you play in making Mars Hill what it is.

We are very happy that you have come back to live one more day in our small busy world. Does it not seem like old times to hear a scream, then see someone embrace a person who is a stranger to you. We do not know all of you by name, but we recognize your place in the world. We salute you for carrying the spirit of Mars Hill around the world.

This Is Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day is distinctively American. It is as old as our country itself, beginning with our Pilgrim Fathers, who gathered in a special service of thanksgiving, not for prosperity enjoyed, but chiefly for adversity endured and ended.

Too often, however, we miss the true picture because it is lost in the wave of historical oratory which all but drowns the meaning of the day. If the Thanksgiving spirit depended upon physical or material well-being, then our first Thanksgiving Day should have had its origin in the Jamestown Colony in Virginia, which enjoyed comparative comfort and prosperity, rather than in the Plymouth Colony in New England, which suffered untold hardship, misery and destitution. Gratitude depends not upon where a man lives or how much he has, but upon what he is. The thankful heart belongs to the rich and poor alike.

Yes, we will sing praises to God this season for our wonderful family and their love, for friendship so dear, for educational opportunity, for success, and even for life. Our gratitude will include a thankfulness for food, shelter, and clothing also. But Americans can ever be thankful that the hand that rocked the Cradle of Liberty is the Ruler of the World.

O Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our feverish ways; re clothe us in our rightful minds, in purer lives Thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise. Amen.

We Are With You

Good school and team spirit has led to athletic victories away from home which are considered double victories. The Mars Hill College Lions have visited three of their arch rivals during the last three weeks and have brought back victories for the team and for the college. Three weeks ago the Lions tied the conference leaders at Lees-McRae. A week later they defeated the conference second place Gardner-Webb Bulldogs in Shelby. Last week they took the Chowan Braves, who had not been defeated in two years, by surprise to come out on the big end of an 18-0 score. Teams are more or less expected to win at home, but winning away from home adds prestige to any college team.

We are glad that our squad is made up of boys who play for the love of the game and the school and seek to maintain high scholastic averages instead of playing for money or fame. Our competition is much stronger since most of our opponents offer full scholarships, but our record in five major sports is surpassed by few junior colleges. We salute Coaches Henderson and Edwards, and the team for having one of the best teams and one of the finest groups of boys on any college squad. On to victory against Asheville-Biltmore this afternoon! A victory would give us a second place standing in the Western Carolina Junior Athletic Conference for the season.

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Opportunities Galore Await in Forensics

Mars Hill offers many opportunities for development in extra-curricular activities. Many of you have found your place of service in one of the societies, in drama, or in one of the many campus clubs. Too, there are those of you who have talent which you are not seeking to develop. Opportunities are still open for you in forensics.

Harley E. Jolley, faculty advisor and sponsor for Mars Hill forensics, says that opportunities in debating are wide open for Mars Hill students, both C-I's and C-II's. He urges all interested students to attend the debate meetings held regularly at 6:30 on Thursday evenings in Moore 30.

The important training that debating offers the student has been emphasized by Mr. Jolley and by other faculty members. The art of debating encourages self-confidence, quick thinking, and good, clear expression. These things are invaluable to students in theology, law, business, teaching, engineering, or almost any other field that one might mention.

Between The Book Ends

Following the experiences of the revival services, these books should interest especially those who made decisions.

What is the Christian faith, and how does this faith actually work in the lives of average Christians today? J. B. Phillips' new book *Plain Christianity* has the answer to these and other questions. In his uniquely direct, witty and clear style, the author gives a stinging rebuttal to all who think that Christianity is outdated. He shows that the magnificent gift God gave to mankind through Christ is great enough to overcome every problem in today's world, and he leads the reader to a faith mature enough to accept this gift.

The Gospel of Prayer is a book written for the one who desires to deepen his Christian experience. Spiritual life, says the author, holds together with prayer, or dies through lack of it. He shows how this pressing necessity for prayer is practiced in Christ's constant "going to the Father"; and to give prayer as prime a place in our lives, Professor Albert Cassel Wieand, founder of Bethany Bible Seminary in Chicago, seeks to guide the reader to a clear and precise understanding of what communion with God is.

Those preparing for a life of Christian service in the ministry will want to read Gilbert L. Griffin's *Called of God*, which deals with the character of the minister's office, the scope of his task, the quality of his motive, the nature of his conduct, and the propriety of his method. This is a challenging book for ministers and a revealing book for laymen.

The *Hilltop* staff, faculty, and student body extend sympathy to Dean Caroline Biggers on account of her enforced confinement because of an accident. We miss seeing her around the campus and wish for her a speedy recovery.

Faith at Work

By Shirley Bradley

"Come ye thankful people come . . ." After such an ins Thanksgiving program given this morning, we can truly say we are thankful." I have an idea that today will continue Thanksgiving Day that you will remember always. Let's make today a Thanksgiving Day. We have so much to be thankful for.

WE DARE YOU to volunteer for mission work and in the activities sponsored by our Mission Council. No

We Thank Thee

We thank Thee, Lord, for peace;
 That wars now made to cease
 Have brought our boys back home,
 We hope for years to come.

We thank Thee for this land;
 The wonders of Thy hand
 Have given our lives much joy,
 And all our thoughts employ.

We thank Thee for our health
 The greatest of our wealth.
 We know Thou hast the key
 To all eternity.

We thank Thee, Lord, for prayer;
 Our pleas we know Thou'llt hear,
 Let this Thanksgiving be
 A giving of thanks to Thee.
 —Carolyn Ward.

My Personal Thanksgiving

For life and light and love O
 Father, I thank Thee.

For life
 The keen air of a crisp, frosty
 morning lifting my chest.

The joy of movement, slow
 walks with friends, quick dashes
 to class,

The taste of food, sweet, pun-
 gent, fruity tastes,

The feel of warmth and the
 sting of sleet,

The sound of human voices,
 the autumn song of our lone
 mocking bird,

The soft whisper of slow rain
 soothing my nervous haste,

For the experience of simple
 living, I thank Thee.

For light
 For a world of light and eyes
 to see,

For sunlight and moonlight and
 glittering stars,

For tone and color, blue skies,
 gray snow clouds, purple-black
 storm clouds and rainbow after
 rain.

For the pale green, beige, and
 pink of budding spring foliage,
 and yellow, flame, crimson and
 russet of autumn.

For the misty, pale blue of far
 hills and the rosy-violet sunset
 light on eastern ranges,

For red coats spangling the
 groups of students on the walks,

For light and color and shade
 and tone through days and seasons,
 I thank Thee, Father.

For love
 The love of parents, brothers,
 sisters, and homefolks,

The love of schoolmates, room-
 mates, and friends,

The love of pets and confiding
 little children,

The special love of a chosen
 one,

For the campus atmosphere of
 cheer and kindness,

And most of all for Thine own
 gentle, protecting love,
 I thank thee, Father.

—Anonymous.

accept this opportunity
 You can either accept
 it. We wish you would

The Mission Council
 like to take this opportuni-
 "Thank you" to each of
 helped in any way to m-
 year worthwhile. We on-
 that more of you would
 nize your opportunity an-
 responsibility of helping
 the gospel of Jesus Christ
 less fortunate than we.
 not know what a wonderfu-
 lege you are missing.

Elections Held

A regular meeting of the
 E. Sams Ministerial Con-
 was held November 4,
 Hall. The meeting began
 prayer and song. Election
 held and the new officers
 follows: Monte Bishop, pre-
 dent; Wayne Caldwell, vice-
 president; Rodolph Dixon,
 tary; Howard Seymour, sec-
 and Stuart Carlton, treas-
 Following the election
 McCroskey gave an inspir-
 message on the use of
 Then, the outgoing officers,
 Bob Grey, retired from the
 tions and each member le-
 conference with a renewed
 of Jesus Christ as head
 organization.

The first project of the
 term was to provide a cho-
 the Thursday night reviva-
 vice, November 11. Along
 this beginning is the col-
 prayer that Jesus Christ
 glorified in the life of each
 tian on Mars Hill campus.
 ministerial students are col-
 ing to do a fine job of us-
 for the Sunday evening serv-
 ice.

Volunteers for Christ an-
 Ministerial Conference had
 joint meeting last Thursday
 November 18, in Non-Eu-
 Homer Greene was the sp-
 for the evening.

Choose A Prayermate

Do you have a prayer mate
 A prayer mate can make
 college life mean much mo-
 you. The B. S. U. is work-
 a prayer room for the us-
 B. S. U. members.

Sunday School and Trai-
 Union attendance has not
 quite what it should be lately.
 wonder what the reason could
 Maybe you do need that
 sleep or you have to get
 homework done, but you also
 to go to church. There you
 learn the basic rules for liv-
 every day. Go to church! It's
 popular thing to do!

Attend Morning Watch

A great opportunity is being
 ferred you, a chance to meet
 as His world stretches its sle-
 arms to greet the coming
 Make a date in the morning
 Morning Watch and break
 afterwards.

The Touring Choir journey-
 to Charlotte November 16
 sing for the North Carolina Ba-
 tist State Convention. We
 very proud of them and the
 work they are doing under
 direction of Mr. William Whit-
 sides.