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## Back Your Pastor Up

It has happened!! Yes, after three months Mars Hill Baptist Church has a pastor. Last Sunday was Dr. Seymour's first day at our church services. In the evening service he pointed out the responsibilities of church members. Let us review these things.

First, Dr. Seymour stressed the fact that he did not wish to be considered the "center of attraction" or the motive behind church attendance. Second, our new pastor expects understanding and third, he expects cooperation. These expectations are relatively easy to fulfill, but they demand the support of each of you if the church as a body is to meet them.

You voted to call Dr. Seymour as our church leader. Many of you have prayed for his ministry. Now is the time to begin action and "live your prayers." Smilingly, you shake hands with Dr. Seymour and say "Welcome, pastor." If you mean it—"B Y P U—Back Your Pastor Up."

## What Is This?

Great Britain's left wing in Parliament has nothing on the left wing chapel movement of Mars Hill College. It looks as if this age-old movement has entered a period of renaissance during the second semester. That fact is certainly no commendation for a college education, is it? To what degree can education be genuine if it does not teach one to think; and to be sure, there is no evidence of thought in the conduct of many male members in attendance at the chapel exercises.

As college students, it is about time that we developed a sense of values with respect to our experiences. Surely no one would deny that the programs in chapel are of great value to the campus. Even though some might not appeal to one's current interests, there certainly is no virtue in limiting one's knowledge and appreciation to a particular area.

Your proper conduct in chapel will not only be profitable to you but also will enable fellow students to benefit from the chapel period. A more wholesome atmosphere can be created if newspapers, books, conversations or improper applauding are put aside. Think about it.

## Talents Galore!

Mars Hill has a potential supply of talent in almost every field imaginable. For the scientific-minded individuals proof must be given that our campus harbors a myriad abundance of talent. One finds proof in forensics, music, art and writing.

Under the capable leadership of Coach Harley E. Jolley, Mars Hill Forensic squad has a high standing among senior colleges and universities throughout the South. In the novice division of the South-eastern Debate Tournament, Mars Hill team came out in first place. Just last week the team came out third in the South Atlantic Tournament held at Lenoir-Rhyne.

The Mars Hill college choir receives invitations to appear on special occasions throughout North Carolina. Recently, they appeared at the forty-second anniversary of the Hocutt Memorial Baptist Church in Burlington. They have future appearances slated for a convention in Asheville. Their spring tour will take them all the way to Florida. Individual contributions in the field of music exhibit talent. On Sunday evenings in church service, a student plays the organ, while another sings a solo.

It was a Mars Hill student whose play, "The Black and the Blacker," was chosen to be presented at the Spring Drama Festival. This alone proves that Mars Hill is endowed with creative ability, but there is more evidence. The *Hilltop* staff finds further evidence in choosing material for the Literary Edition. All of the papers cannot be published, so a choice must be made.

The artistic ability of students is shown in the art displays which grace Spilman sun parlor periodically. A quick look around the Art Department verifies that there is talent. In recent performances of drama groups the Art Department supplied the paintings. The Easter play will feature a painting designed especially for the play by Joe Chris Robertson, art instructor.

If still you do not agree that Mars Hill has a potential supply of talent, just ask anyone who knows and he will verify the fact that it has.

## Students Anticipate Spring Vacation

"When spring brings back blue days and fair, I shall not fail my rendezvous." This famous quotation really applies to the students of Mars Hill. We all look forward with ever increasing anticipation to that day we shall return from whence we came, home.

Home, a sweet sounding word. It brings back familiar memories. Mom, Dad, the kids, and of course the beloved memory of that certain boy or girl. Ah to be once more in the presence of those smiling blue eyes.

Going home is a pleasant thought, but coming along as a constant reminder is the fact that we have a lot of work to accomplish before we go. Research papers, parallel reading, exams, and long nights with some favorite book? English, History, etc.

There are many things to be done, and many bridges to be crossed before we go home. We must not lose ourselves in anticipation and forget our work. It is all right to think about that big dance or date if we make sure that we have completed our work to the best of our ability. Mid-term reports go out about this same time, and if they are low they could ruin our Spring Holidays.

## Between The Book Ends

A most splendid love story of the Western World is re-created for the first time in a great novel, *The Enchanted Cup* by Dorothy James Roberts. The story of Tristram and Isolde the Fair comes alive in this literary achievement with dramatic power and exalted beauty. Here is the clash of medieval tournaments, the thunder of the charge, the rich splendor of King Arthur's court at Camelot, and the bravery of the Hundred and Forty who ringed the Round Table, all giving honor to the legend it refreshes.

*The Night of The Hunter* by Davis Grubb is the story of people at the moment in their lives when they are small and no one understands them—when no one knows that the shadow at the nursery window is really a tiger and not the shadows of leaves beneath the moon: that the creak of sleeping rooms is the step of Doom itself, and that every midnight beneath a child's counterpane is the night of the hunter. A boy, a river, a woman, and one being hunted help create this adventure in West Virginia.

Sholem Asch has chosen a great and timeless theme for his latest novel, *A Passage in the Night*—that of atonement, of man in conflict with his conscience. How Isaac Grossman found renewed strength in his quest to repay, after his rise to success, a debt of twenty-seven dollars which he had stolen in the earlier years of his life, offers to the reader who is interested in the problem of keeping alive the flame of the spirit in an era of materialism, a profound message.

## Faith At Work

By SHIRLEY BRADLEY

With the coming of spring comes beautiful sunrises. You are really missing something if you don't get up early to see a Mars Hill sunrise. What could be a better way to start a day than at a quiet moment of devotion at the beginning of God than at a quiet moment of devotion at the beginning of day. Yes, Morning Watch is being held in the amphitheater. Vespers, each Friday night at 6:30 in the amphitheater. Go to Morning Watch and see the world.

Let's all attend Sunday School tomorrow at 9:45. God has something for you there. An interesting opening assembly is planned and each teacher is ready to do his part to teach the Bible. It is important, however, for us to do our part by studying our lesson. Let's each work for a 100 per cent each Sunday.

The members of the Methodist Student Movement are attending the services at the Central Methodist Church in Asheville tomorrow morning. A luncheon will be given them in the social room of the church after the morning services. Those planning to attend the North Carolina Methodist Student Conference at Charlotte March 18, 19, and 20 are Nancy Craddock, Joan Prince, John Lackey, Meg Nichols, and Shirley Daniels.

## Summer Missions

Anyone who is interested in applying for summer mission work in Jamaica or Corn Island (Nicaragua) should get an application blank from Jack Powers immediately. These blanks must be in the state B. S. U. office by March 15.

The speakers at Oteen Sunday, February 27, were Larry Painter, Paul Caudill, and Joe Mamlin. Don Kree, Mary Jane Northern, and April Flowers served as ward leaders. Two rededications were made in one ward. Sign the list and go to Oteen next Sunday.

Volunteers for Christ met February 22. A program on foreign missions was presented. This was the first in a series of three programs concerning church-related vocations. March 15, the program will center around vocations related to the local church secretary, director of religious education, director of music, etc. The meeting will be held at 7:30 in the Owen Building. Visitors are welcome.

A joint social for Volunteers and Ministerial Conference is being planned for next month. Definite plans will be announced later.

## "Around the World"

"Around the World" was the theme of the Y. W. A. banquet which was held March 11. Miss Janet Wilson, guest speaker, presented to each member a challenge which no one could overlook. As the paper goes to press the goal of \$300 has been set for the Annie Armstrong offering. With God's help the girls of Mars Hill College will strive to exceed this goal.

Ninety-six girls were present at the general Y. W. A. meeting held March 4, in the auditorium. The girls from Edna Moore dormitory had a program and served refreshments. Dorm meetings will be held before Spring holidays. Watch for an announcement.

The Oscar E. Sams Ministerial Conference held its regular meeting in Phi Hall on March 3. Don Midkiff led the group in singing. Following this, Seth Needham and Tommy Jones read a passage of scripture from two different translations. Bill Goodson and Stuart

## President Pro Florida Day Annual Observ

Last Friday began the annual observance of Florida Day at Mars Hill. Hand certain thought it was Friday school ball. s-t-r-a-n-g-e things were going on that day. For the students entered the cafeteria for breakfast, the leading shocked to discover the of No "Jack and the Beanstalk" selections. a palm tree had grown in the center of the hall.

If it seems strange, a palm tree growing inside the building, it is even more strange a shower of oranges falling from the heavens.

Some students, the seemed to have information "Mother Nature" concocted oddities, wore strangely badges.

A brave student walked up to the palm tree and read the sign tacked there. It was a proclamation which declared March 15 designated as annual Florida Day at Mars Hill campus. The proclamation was signed by David Martha McLeod, president of the Florida Club. It was stamped with the college seal.

So . . . the Florida Club had contrived these oddities. "orange shower" was the first. The Florida Club was thrown from the balcony of Moore Hall by members of the Florida Club were down the Florida Citrus Commemorative Lakeland.

Pamphlets from the "Sunshine" were distributed throughout the campus, and to add to the Day, Mother Nature flooded the campus with a bountiful of sunshine.

Joe Chris Robertson is for the Florida Club.

Carlton then gave their monies, and Jim Grant followed the special music with a song accompanied by Andrew H. the piano. The message was by Ken Bachand. He gave an interesting discussion on a part of the sermon on the mount. Raymond Nelson then gave excellent and constructive comments on the meeting. Caldwell, president of the club, announced that at the meeting a group of the club who had done pastoral work would lead a discussion on the problems of the ministry.

Pray for, and support the religious organizations on the campus. You may be very busy but if you take time out for work you will find your day more hours than you once believed.

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