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## Hail and Farewell

The hands of time invariably seem to span the hours more quickly when each fleeting moment brings us closer to the day when many of us will greet each other for the last time. In just a week the graduating class will have completed two years of their voyage on the seas of higher education. Many times the sailing was difficult and boisterous waves blew their vessels farther from the prized goal. However, the sailors could not be lost in the storm because expert "compasses" constantly pointed out the way.

We C-I's have been much influenced by the witness that you sophomores bear. The first testimony of your Christian spirit was shown in the warm way that you received us into the college "family." You were not jealous when you had to hand down your title as C-I's to a group of intruders. Henceforth, you have meant more to us than we shall ever be able to express. In many cases we will be saying farewell individually to a roommate, a lab partner, to classmates, and to friends who have led us in deeper and richer spiritual experiences. Collectively, we salute you who have so carefully protected our heritage. We covet your prayers and good wishes as you leave with us this priceless possession. In return we extend our most sincere congratulations and bid you Godspeed.

## It Was Good

Soon the last chord of the graduation march will be playing. Already we are strangely aware of the fact that the goal toward which we aimed such a short time ago is here. We are finding the things which have constituted our life for the past two years coming to an abrupt end. We came to realize that our hour was nearing at the beginning of second semester when our advisors warned us to check our credits in the registrar's office.

Later in the semester we were the honored guests at the Junior-Senior banquet. How different it seemed from last year when we did all the work. Time began to pass more quickly, the days being filled with more and more activities. The hardest blows came when new officers were elected. Although we wished them the best, a lump came in our throats as we saw them stand where we used to stand.

Even more recently we have marked our names from the Literary Societies' rolls. The boys came to sing for the last time. How heart-breaking to see the group together.

We anticipate the remaining commencement activities, the Ivy Chain, Alumni banquet, baccalaureate sermon, *Harriet*, and graduation, with mixed emotions. We are happy to have come this far in our education, but sad to leave it all behind. It is easy to disagree with Webster in calling such a time as this commencement. It may be the beginning of a new trail, but it is the end of this one.

Melancholia fills us when we think of not seeing the autumn leaves, roommates, mountain sunsets, S. P.'s and lunch lines again. Yes, we are blue now, but when the parting is over and time has healed the wounds, we will say, "It was good; it was good!"

## Where Do We Go?

We have come to the end of a year that has been most profitable. Fortunately, as the seasons give variety to life so does the summer vacation give a pleasant break in the routine of 8 o'clock classes, heavy books, history tests, poetry, conjugation of the past definite tense, etc. Of course there are other "breaks" that we shall hesitate to make. How about what we have learned? Will we snuff it out of our background in spite of the fact that we spent long hours in lab trying to "drink of the fruit of knowledge?" Will we quickly forget how much that prayer-mate has meant to us and how lucky we were to have such a congenial roommate. In short, will we too easily forget the ideals and traditions which make Mars Hill, "A Gem in the Emerald Ring of the Hills." We should seriously ask ourselves, "Where do we go from here?"

## Hays Speaks On Friendship and Symbolism

"In grateful memory of the miraculously divine leadership which brought an American and a German, immediately after all the bitterness and hardships of war, together in friendship, and what is more in the brotherhood of Jesus Christ, may this Bible be dedicated by the former Navy Chaplain of the German Navy to Honorable Congressman Brooks Hays who found it at Cherbourg in a deserted billet.

May 8, 1953  
Alvin Altberg, Jr.  
Dusseldorf, Germany

These impressive words tell the story of a unique way of "Reflecting Christian Citizenship" as Dr. Brooks Hays presented it to the group attending the Honor Club Banquet last Saturday night. Dr. Hays found a German Bible in a deserted building while touring Europe. He learned that his new-found possession belonged to a minister in Dusseldorf, and on a visit to Frankfurt he had an opportunity to meet the owner.

From another personal experience, Dr. Hays told the story of one of his college roommates, a boy from deep in the Ozarks. The boy was "intellectually honest, logical in argument, and possessed a scientific mind"; however, he had no interest in religion. With all his scientific knowledge, Dr. Hays says that his friend fell far short because "the really important things in life cannot be measured in the laboratory." In reality, "The purpose of education is to build an integrated life," he says. This story does have a happy ending, however. The student became a hero in World War I, and later in his scientific work as a professor in college he also became a church member. By incorporating all these attributes, "He had become an integer."

### Logothia Symbols

Dr. Hays spoke freely about the enterprise of serving one's generation as a Christian politician. He stressed the vital importance of bridging the span between the religious and political community. To make his discussion more effective he used the symbols of the Logothia Club as guideposts. The open book represents a free church in a free state. Dr. Hays feels that freedom is not always safe because something has happened to our tradition of freedom. One failure of freedom is in the fear of students to express their views lest their views be held against them.

The star of David and its symbol of unity, freedom and tolerance was made more real to him when he viewed the cemetery at Bapaume in which 4,000 Jews and Christians are buried together. The only distinguishing factor between the two groups buried there was the Star of David that distinguished the Jews. Then he reminded the group of "Peace and unity, liberty, justice and tolerance," inscribed on the speaker's stand in the House of Representatives.

In conclusion, Dr. Hays sees the symbol of the cross each day as he witnesses men voting against their own interests to dare to do right. "There comes a time when

## Faith At Work

By NANCY FANT

What are you doing at 6:45 Friday evening? Nothing? Then why not attend Vesper services. The programs are being varied to stimulate interest and are very inspiring. Jimmy Taylor, leader for Vespers, is calling on more students to participate, and many are finding their opportunity to "serve by doing." All who come to these services are not only blessed spiritually, but also receive strength to face problems.

The Listen Fund is a short way of saying, "Love Impels Sacrifice Toward Every Need." This program is now under the leadership of Don Midkiff. Students are showing an interest in the needs of the world by donating already three hundred thirty-four dollars and seventy-four cents; however, Don has set a goal of at least thirty more dollars to be reached by the end of this term. The money will be used to send food to hungry people and to aid in sending summer missionaries to regions where they are desperately needed. Jesus says, "Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (Matthew 25:40) Won't you give today?

Volunteers for Christ met recently to install the officers elected for next year. It was a simple but inspiring service in which all retiring officers challenged their successors to fill their positions well. Dr. Pierce, sponsor for the group, was presented by Pat Thomas with a gift for her faithful contribution to the organization.

### Kroe, Oteen Chairman

Don Kroe, recently chosen Oteen Chairman for next year, has appointed Frances McCroskey, Phil Holbrook, and Hetty Corey as ward leaders for Oteen. Jim Whitmore is the new chairman for Mt. Olive work. During this year many people have come to know Christ as their Savior in these missions. Others have been drawn closer to the Master through the volunteers who have faithfully followed God's guidance. Each of you C-I's is urged to begin next year by going to Oteen. You will be a blessing to others as well as a receiver of blessings. All mission trips for this year ended last Sunday. The song for the Mission Council is "Spirit of the Living God." Perhaps their motto, "Know and Make Known," comes from their Scripture verse, "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ."

### Guest Speaker

The Ministerial Conference had as guest speaker at a recent meeting the Reverend Joe Dubose, assistant pastor of the First Baptist Church in Asheville. He is one in a series of guest speakers for the conference. Jimmy Harley was elected to serve as president during the fall term. Working with him will be vice-president, Ted Ward; secretary, Wallace Taylor; reporter, Seth Needham; pianist, Andy Horne; and janitor, Steve Blackwell. Guest speaker for the May 12 meeting was Dr. Bynard Fox, Field Representative of the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Fox discussed the ministry of the Relief and Annuity Board in relation to our present ministry.

eternal principles enter the considerations and statistics are of no importance."

## Mars Hillians Are Traveling This Summer

"Snoopy" has really been on the ball! I've been looking around this week, and I have discovered some interesting things about this summer. The Mars Hill students are going to be all over the world.

Graduation day will find Gail Fulbright joining a group of Y.W.A. councilors and leaders. Gail is going to Glorietta for Y.W.A. week. She will visit places of interest on the way to New Mexico and on the return trip, she will stop at the New Orleans Mission Center. This trip will be given to Gail, the first state Y.W.A. president, by the state W.M.U.

If you happen to see a group of hitchhikers going west, don't be alarmed. Joe Mamlin, Bill Brogden, Jim Otis, and Don Kroe are going to work with the Tent Makers in California. These boys will work in lumber camps during the week and conduct revivals during the week end. They will also have Vacation Bible Schools. If you are traveling this summer and happen to see a boy and a sign, stop and give him a lift. He might be one of your schoolmates.

Europe will be visited by several of the Mars Hill family. Mary George Pennell is going to the Baptist World Alliance with her family. They plan to visit Spain, Italy, France, Belgium and other countries before going to London. This trip is a graduation present for Mary George.

Hannah Blackwell and Charles McCall are going to the World Alliance with Charles' parents. They plan to spend about six weeks in Europe. Some of the places that they plan to visit are Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Scotland, and Ireland. This trip is another graduation present.

Paul Caudill will leave for the World Alliance by boat from Canada. He and his family are going to visit the Holy Land before going to London. Paul says that he is looking forward to the trip because he will meet a lot of people.

Well, "Snoopy" is rather tired after this long trip. I guess I can dream about all of these summer adventures for a while. Wouldn't it be wonderful if all of the students could go with these lucky few?

The Young Women's Auxiliary held a general meeting for the installation of new officers. Approximately forty-five members attended the candlelight service. Dorm meetings were held on May 12 and 13. The themes for the programs were, "Up and Down City Streets," and "Houses by the Side of the Road." Patricia Haile has been chosen social chairman for the general YWA.