

The Hilltop

Published by the Students of Mars Hill College

MARS HILL, N. C., SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1955

Number 6

Amateurs Give Christmas Play

"Child Is Born" promises to be the highlight of the Christmas season. This one act Nativity play will be presented by the Drama Class in Chapel on December 14 and 15.

The play is one of Stephen Vincent Benet's most moving plays which has been presented on radio and television by professional narrators. The cast, taken from the Drama Class, is as follows: J. J. Jorjous, narrator; Jo Ellen Bradley, Des Moines; Joyce Pope, innkeeper, Texas, Austin; Ed Odum; his wife, Joyce Tuthill, Ma; Leah and Gorah, servants Music, Memphis.

Prayer Course Ends Week Of Prayer

This week has been observed on Mars Hill Campus as the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. During this time students have had numerous opportunities to participate in it, in praying and in giving through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

The Young Woman's Auxiliary under the direction of Sarah Hickman, president, has initiated most of the plans and has been responsible for executing them. The following members of the organization have conducted Morning Watch Services held each day at 7:00 o'clock in the Women Building: Sara Ellen Doman, Peggy Barrett, Doris Cole, Joyce Hester, Marion Batts and Frances McCroskey. The Y. W. Building was responsible for vesper services which was conducted at 6:45 in the Owen Building Thursday night.

Two well-known leaders have been on campus this week. Mrs. Ruth Grant, missionary to Japan and Miss Janet Wilson, State Young People's Secretary for the M. U. have spoken in both C-I and C-II chapels this week. In addition to these speakers, the film released by Foreign Mission Board, "Recruits for Christ" is shown.

Last night, December 9, climaxed the week of Prayer Activities as the girls met in Huffman playroom at 7:00 o'clock to study the mission book, *Among the Minarets*, dealing with the Moslem religion. Miss Mildred Thomas, educational director of the First Baptist Church of Asheville, brought out the theme of the book, the girls were asked to lend the proper atmosphere by dressing accordingly in any clothes which may exemplify the Moslem world. Miss Caroline Biggers, Dean of Women, assisted the Y. W. A.'s in preparing the authentic Arabian cookies which were served.



Pictured above are Paul Caudill and Jane Blake who were voted "Ideal Mars Hillians" by the C-II class.

Blake, Caudill Chosen "Ideal Mars Hillians"

Selected from among the C-II's as Ideal Mars Hillians, in an election held recently, were Jane Blake and Paul Caudill. Jane is from Lumberton, and Paul is from Memphis, Tennessee. They will represent the senior class in the 1955-1956 Laurel.

Eileen Geringer and Bill Cobb were chosen as Most Studious. Eileen is from Hazelwood, and Bill is from Whitehaven, Tennessee. Chosen as Most Versatile were Sandra Hickman of Atlanta, Georgia, and Tom Fryer of Miami, Florida. Lucia Holder and Bobby Robinson were selected as Most Athletic. They are from Greenville, S. C., and Asheville, respectively. Chosen Most Dependable were Jo Ellen Bradley of Greenville, S. C., and Frank Myers of Alexandria, Virginia.

Dormitories Give Christmas Parties

To celebrate the bright yule season, dormitories have been gayly decorated and various parties have been planned following the Christmas concert tonight.

Stroup, Huffman, Spilman, and Edna Moore dormitories will entertain in their respective parlors. The faculty, visitors, and residents of boys' dormitories are invited to attend the party in the dormitory of their choice.

Parlors of all dormitories have been trimmed for the season with all the traditional decorations. Christmas trees, nativity scenes, wreaths, stars, candles, and pine adorn the interiors of the buildings. A window scene in Edna Moore depicting the church steeple as seen from a third floor window of that dormitory was painted by Sally Reagan.

Treat Dormitory held its traditional Christmas tea last Sunday, December 4, 3:30-5:30. Guests included members of the faculty, staff, and Mother Spark's Bible class.

(Continued on Page 4)

Choirs Will Present Christmas Concert

Three of the college musical organizations will present a Christmas Concert tonight in the College Auditorium. The College Choir directed by Rufus Norris will present "Carol of the Russian Children" from *White Russia*, arranged by Harvey B. Gaul; "Deck the Halls"; "For Us A Child Is Born", a Christmas Cantata by J. S. Bach with soloists Hannah England, alto, from Weaverville, Tommy Stogner, bass, from Charlotte, and Keith Gage, tenor, from Chase, Maryland;

Robertson's Work Selected For Exhibit

Joe Chris Robertson, head of the Mars Hill Art Department, was honored by having his painting "Autumn" recommended as one of seven for purchase consideration by the jury in the Eighteenth Annual Exhibition of work by North Carolina artists in the State College Union in Raleigh. His painting is among the twenty-nine paintings and six sculptures being shown currently in the ninth annual competition sponsored by the N. C. State Art Society.

Paintings, drawings and sculptures by 25 men and seven women comprise the exhibition, a few artists having more than one work chosen. Other artists whose work has been selected come from Chapel Hill, Davidson, Durham, Fort Bragg, Greensboro, Milton, Pine Bluff, Raleigh, Randleman, Thomasville, Tryon, Washington, Wilmington, Wilson and Winston-Salem, as well as one from New York.

Mr. Robertson, of the Mars Hill College Faculty, has been appointed membership chairman of the state of North Carolina for the Southeastern College Art Conference which is held annually. The forthcoming meeting will be held at the University of Mississippi in April.

Ramona Lawton Wins National 4-H Honor

Ramona Lawton, C-I from Beaufort, S. C., has just returned from attending the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, at which she was named national winner in the Home Grounds beautification contest.

Prior to this award Ramona had received the state and regional awards in the same competition through completing 110 4-H projects. These included Home Grounds Beautification, Frozen Foods, Canning, Home Improvements, Home Electric Appliances, Poultry, Insect and Disease Control, Entomology, Plant Identification, Livestock, Clothing, and Dress Revue.

From the proceeds of her projects, Ramona has earned enough money to pay for one year of her college education. Among her separate prizes and awards have been a \$50.00 bond in the Frozen Food contest and, as the state award in 1955 Home Beautification project,

"The Holly and the Ivy" arranged by Erie H. Thiman; "Hallelujah Chorus" from G. F. Handel; and "Silent Night."

The Choralettes, directed by Miss Irma Helen Hopkins, will present "The Babe in Bethlehem's Manger Laid" by Buebendorf, with Sue Tuttle from Winston-Salem, Barbara Coffey from Boone, and Carolyn Moore from Spartanburg, S. C., as soloists; "Cherubim Song" by Bortiansky; "Christmas Music" arranged by Endres; and the following three compositions by Benjamin Britten: "Balulalow" with soloist Brenda Briddell from Crisfield, Maryland, "There Is No Rose", and "Wolcum Yole!"

The Men's Glee Club, under the direction of Rufus Norris, will render the following selections: "Lord, We Worship Thee" by Mozart, "Pilgrim's Chorus from Tannhauser" by Wagner, "Come Again, Sweet Love" by Dowland, and "Hallelujah, Amen" by Handel.

Later in the program the Men's Glee Club will sing "I Wonder as I Wander," an Appalachian folk carol arranged by Niles with Seth Kirby and Loys Jordan as soloists. Other selections include "The Galway Piper," Irish folk song by Davison; "Black is the Color," Kentucky folk song arranged by Simeone; and "Hoodah Day," folk song arranged by Bartholomew.

(Continued on Page 4)

a wrist watch.

In the beautification of her own home grounds, Ramona has landscaped the grounds and planted and cared for the lawn and shrubbery. On a one-acre plot in front of her home she has planned and supervised the dredging of a fresh water pond and worked with the Soil Conservation service in stocking the pond with fish. The surroundings were planted to grass, azaleas, palmettos, holly, water lilies, and other plants.

In addition to her 4-H work Ramona has been an active leader in school, church, and community work.

Three North Carolina girls were also national winners at the Congress. Joan Crawford of Hayesville was national clothing winner; Phyllis Corbett of Fountain, national record award; and Nancy Lee Tuttle of Walnut Cove, public speaking national award winner.

(Continued on Page 4)