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Asheville Citizen Views M.H.

Recently, the *Asheville Citizen* published a Mars Hill College edition of their paper in honor of the Centennial year of the oldest educational institution of continuing existence in Western North Carolina.

Walter P. Smith, director of publicity, assisted by John A. McLeod, was responsible for collecting and writing the information about the centennial program and phases in the development of the college as well as highlights in the curriculum of the college students. One such article announces that alumni are found in forty-three states, the District of Columbia and twenty-one foreign countries. The one hundred year old Baptist college once had more students enrolled than did the University of North Carolina, the oldest state university in the United States, one article reveals.

The college boasts of ten unit organizations of the Baptist Student Union. Through participation in these various phases of church-related organizations the young people are challenged to live more active Christian lives. The far-reaching results of such organizations upon young people can be realized by the fact that thirty-three former Mars Hill College students are now actively serving in foreign countries as Baptist missionaries.

Photographs accompanying the articles depict the various phases of the students' life here at Mars Hill, giving the public a good idea of what goes on in a Baptist junior college during its Centennial year.

College Should Fit Your Needs

Most students at Mars Hill are faced with the problem of choosing a senior college. Clarence E. Lovejoy of New York, professional college counselor and author of two books on the subject of selecting a college, offers in a recent issue of the *Saturday Evening Post* pertinent advice from which we borrow a few ideas.

The most important thing to remember in choosing a college is to find the one that best suits your individual needs. A student should not go to a school just because his father went there if that school does not fit the student's own particular needs in his chosen vocation.

The United States Department of Labor lists some 20,000 ways to earn a living, and most of them can be learned in college. Colleges offer courses in just about everything from flying to floral display.

Lack of money need not keep a student from furthering his college education. Several schools offer what is known as a "Co-Op" or earn-and-learn plan. This means that a student can alternate work and studies throughout the year. Scholarships are now offered by business concerns and other organizations, and should be looked into by interested students.

Proper counseling and planning are the best gateway to college. Be sure to plan your education carefully.

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The Creator said, "Let there be light," and there was light. Utter darkness is cold, unfriendly, forbidding. Even one light is warm, friendly, inviting.

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light. The people seek warmth, friendship, welcome. Through the Creator's supreme gift, the Light, they receive all this.

"I am the light of the world. "He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." Through the Creator's Light came freedom from death, the promise of life.

Campus Offices Make Changes

The long-anticipated moving day came for the public relations and alumni offices recently when the staff members excavated the files, typewriters, desks, records, broadcasting equipment and other office furnishings from the basement of Spilman dormitory and transported them across the street to the building formerly known as the main library. These workers have been handicapped because their offices have not been partitioned and many varied phases of college program have been carried on in these limited quarters. The offices will be somewhat isolated in their new surroundings with Dr. Holt's office on the mezzanine and the other two offices opposite each other on the ground floor.

It is surprising what a little bit of work has done for the old library in adapting for these offices. Because of lack of space, books had been stacked in such a way that one might believe that windows had been omitted from the original plans of the architect. The library did have windows and with the removal of book shelves the rooms look twice as large. A little bit of paint has been added to keep the old library a "bright" place even though the students will no longer study there.

For the basement of Spilman—it will not go to waste. Some of the faculty members have not been allotted a little "nook" to counsel with their students simply because space has not been available. Neither has the *Laurel* staff nor the B S U been designated a specific place to work heretofore. With the moving out of the alumni and public relations offices, Dr. Jenkins, Miss Linney, the *Laurel* and the B S U will move in.

Don Caldwell and Wade Meadows attended the two-day convention of the Southeastern Regional Convention of the National Association of College Book Stores at the University of Tennessee last week-end. They heard discussions on sales promotion and arrangement of stock as it affects price control.

The association is made up of approximately sixty colleges, universities, and denominational schools in the southeastern district. Mars Hill was one of four North Carolina colleges represented.

"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set upon a hill cannot be hid.

The Light of the world must burn more brightly each day in the hearts it has lighted if it is to shed its beams to hearts yet darkened.

"Let your light shine before men." A light must shine continually, never tiring, never ceasing, else darkness will conquer.

"If I be lifted up from the earth I will draw all men unto me." Men are drawn to the Light seeking warmth, friendship, welcome. A small light's reflection of a greater Light manifests the greater only when it minimizes itself.

"We have seen his star, and are come to worship him." When they saw the star, they rejoiced.

As often as one from the darkness sincerely seeks the Light, his search will be rewarded and he will find warmth, friendship, and welcome.

"Whosoever will may come." The Light may shine in every heart. Someday it will.

The time may be long or short, the effort great or small, But one day all the world will be bright as each heart manifests Warmth, friendship, welcome: God's love.

For with God, nothing shall be impossible.

Faith At Work

By NANCY FANT

Volunteers for Christ met on December 6, at 7:00 in the Building. A Christmas program entitled "Let's Keep Christ in the House" was presented under the direction of Martha Barnett after a very devotional service based on the Biblical Christmas story. The Volunteers completed their November mission project on November 27, at which time they visited the Orthopedic Hospital in Asheville carrying scrapbooks to the children.

Vespers began November 5, to be held twice a week, Monday and Thursday, at six-thirty. Although the services will be interesting and inspiring, they will last only a few minutes, and surely we can give God these few minutes in the evening twice a week. The services for the month of December concern the promise, birth, and significance of Christ.

The Ministerial Conference meeting for the week of November 10, opened with a hymn, followed by a prayer led by Jimmy Harley. Don Price and Harry Poovey read the scripture and Bill Gregory sang a solo. A business meeting followed in which Nathan Brooks was elected president; Paul McCorvey, vice-president; Harry Poovey, secretary; Mike Terrell, pianist; and Donald Price, reporter. The Ministerial Conference met again on November 17, in a joint meeting with the Volunteers for Christ.

In a very few days we will be going home for Christmas. As we leave wonderful Christian Mars Hill, let's not become just another half-hearted Christian; let's take Christ with us and give him first place, the place he deserves in our lives. Let's go to Sunday School, prayer meeting, Training Union and Church and take an active part in these services. Give your home church something that you have learned here at school and then bring back to us what you learn at home. Are you planning to have a wonderful Christmas of giving and receiving from your family and friends? Yes, this is nice, but let's remember what Christmas really means. Christ, our Savior, was born on Christmas morning many years ago. He gave his life for us. Surely we can give a little to him by helping others. This year, let's show Christ just how much we really love Him by doing something for that needy family in town or that invalid down the street. Let's make this Christmas one of peace and good will to all men.

Dean Lee Attends Miami Meeting

Representing Mars Hill College at the annual meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools were Dean Robert L. Holt, and Mrs. Mary Frances Collis, secretary-treasurer of the College Division.

Among subjects which were discussed at the meeting were the matter of financing necessary for good education and means of inducing promising candidates to enter the profession, problems resulting from increased enrollment and methods of handling the urgent importance of the citizenry. Speaking of the last-named topic, Phillips, author-critic stressed the need of Americans becoming more active in order to combat Communism. He said, "Today many of our educated or nothing he may be effective; the fate of the world may hinge on how we act."

Among North Carolina colleges that participated on the program were C. Sylvester Green, vice-president of Wake Forest College, who addressed the conference on related colleges on the subject of "The Role of the Church in Teacher Education."

Educational Improvement

The stated purpose of the Southern Association is to improve education in the South through the promotion of cooperative efforts among schools, colleges, and related agencies.

This purpose is pursued by visiting appropriate standards, the accreditation of schools, colleges, and universities and by working with agencies concerned with the improvement of education in other regions. The Association sponsors programs designed to bring about specific and concrete improvements in education. When intolerable conditions arise, the Association acts as a voice for the profession speaking against them, and conversely speaking in favor of the more desirable ones. Through the division it discovers and disseminates information bearing on the solution of important educational issues.

Mars Hill College has a number of years been on the list of the Southern Association, and partly because of its excellent standing with the organization Mars Hill has gained no difficulty in having its credits accepted by the Association throughout the nation. Accreditation depends to a large degree upon material equipment and major emphasis is on the maintenance of high standards of scholarship.