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principals in the college's 97th Charter Day Observance, the first in a series of Centennial programs are (l. to r.): Dr. Robert Holt, vice-president of the college; Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, president; Dr. Edward Hughes Pruden, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., and John A. McLeod of the college English department.

## February 16 Marks 97th Anniversary

The fourth major program in the observance of Mars Hill's hundredth birthday was presented on February 16, the 97th anniversary of the acquisition of the charter for the college. Dr. Edward H. Pruden, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Washington, D. C., spoke to students, faculty, and guests on the subject of education for Christian Statesmanship.

The history of the college was briefly outlined by Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, president, as he depicted the progress of the French Baptist Institute from its beginning in 1856, chartering in 1859, and growth through the years to its present size and scope of influence.

The program was opened by the procession of the faculty and students in academic robes, the College Choir, and the students to the auditorium of the Mars Hill Church. After the invocation by Dr. Robert L. Holt, Dr. Blackwell welcomed the guests and speaker.

Dr. Pruden spoke with profundity on the vital problem of world peace, saying that a lasting peace cannot be achieved until each nation is willing to accept his own personal responsibility for the instigation of such a peace. In discussing the tendency of Americans to shift their responsibility to the shoulders of others, Dr. Pruden said, "We would do well to remember that our elected leaders can go no further than we are prepared to go with them, and, however ideal our plans for peace may be, they will be ineffective unless we are spiritually prepared."

Dr. Pruden also warned against false complacency when he said, "We must not assume that the winning of battles, the signing of treaties, and the holding of conferences in themselves produce peace, and we must not accept a temporary solution to some specific conflict as though it were a final solution to the problem of war."

Finally Dr. Pruden stated the ultimate and only successful solution by asserting that no people or nation can begin to work for world peace until they first have experienced a "transforming encounter . . . with Jesus Christ."

The College Choir, directed by Mr. Rufus N. Norris and accompanied by Miss Pearl Francis, presented "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place," by Brahms, and "Praise Be To Thee," by Palestrina. Mr. J. A. McLeod of the Mars Hill English department offered the benediction.

These improvements will be another step in the current building program which Dr. Hoyt Blackwell has been carrying on during his years as president of the college.

## MHC Debaters To Attend Meet

Mars Hill College's varsity debate squad will participate in the annual South Atlantic Forensic Tournament which will take place at Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory, March 1-3.

On Friday night, February 17, the Girl's Debate Team from Appalachian State Teachers College presented a standard debate in the hall of the Euthalian Literary Society. Both the affirmative and negative sides were debated by the same group. Dan Pritchard, Doris Miller and Julia Hough represented Appalachian College. Doris Miller is a former Mars Hillian. The negative debaters for Mars Hill were Norman Hupp and James Shurling, and the affirmative were Don Kroe and Steve Blackwell. Mars Hill won both the negative and affirmative debates. The national query was used.

The debate squad from Furman University visited Mars Hill yesterday. This was a practice debate. Accompanying the group from Furman was Mitch Carnell, a former Philomathian president at Mars Hill College. At present, he is an assistant in the speech department at Furman.

Other forensic events coming up this spring are the Grand National Forensic Tournament at Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Virginia, and the American Speech Association Tournament at Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Anyone interested in orations, declamations, poetry reading, and similar events for participation should contact Mr. Jolley immediately.

## College Choir Plans Concerts

The College Choir will present concerts in North Wilkesboro and Lenoir on March 4. They will sing in Mars Hill Baptist Church on March 10. These engagements are preliminary to the annual tour which will take place March 18-23.

Numbers sung by the choir have been recorded on tape by Dwight Wilhelm. The records will be cut by RCA and will be available at cost both here and at places visited by the Choir.

While on tour, the choir will give two concerts each day. A concert will be presented in the morning at various schools and one at night in churches. The concerts for schools will be a combination of sacred and secular numbers. Some of the more familiar selections will be a Fred Waring arrangement of "Onward Christian Soldiers," and works by Handel and Brahms.

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## Honor Clubs Enroll 177 New Members

At their February meetings the nine scholastic honor clubs on Mars Hill campus initiated a total of 177 new members who became eligible at the end of first semester.

The Business Honor Club held its February meeting in Huffman Parlor on February 14. The theme of this meeting was "Know Your Club." Talks on this subject included "Business Club Review" by Sarah Scruggs, "Business Club Alumni Association" by Carol Pace, "The B.C.A.A. Medal" by Barbara Coram, "Stage Furniture Project" by Barbara Stewart; and "Business Club Emblem" by Eileen Gerlinger. New officers for the club are Joel West, president; Sarah Scruggs, vice-president; and Bonnie Wooten, secretary.

There are seventeen new members in the Business Club. They are Clarissa Beattie, Chad Bumgardner, Phyllis Clifford, Garva Day, Barbara Funderburke, Donnie Horton, Nell Hobby, Jimmy Hunter,

Rose Marie Jackson, Patti Ledford, Carolyn Lewis, Francis Poole, Carolyn Tolbert, Shirley Tripp, Hazel Wall, Carol Williams, and Marlene Williams.

## Jr.-Sr. Banquet Slated For April

The annual Junior-Senior banquet will be held in the cafeteria, April 14. Bobby Cox will preside over the festivities, and Gail Elliott will be master of ceremonies. General preparations are under the direction of the class sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Ramon De Shazo. A special band and choir have been chosen to furnish music for the occasion.

The committee chairmen are as follows: program, Charles Webb and Joy Anders; entertainment, Esther Milligan and Paddy Wall; music, Bobby Burroughs and Dave Dyer; decorations, Jim Morton, Dewey Davis, and Carol Deaton; tables, Mary Carolyn Grant and Hannah England. Carlisle Driggers will operate the lights. Jean Sutherland and Barbara Funderburke will plan the menu. Nancy Mumford has been chosen to furnish the favors. The finance committee will be composed of Cecil Greene and Bobby Cox. Emerson Glenn and George Pashales will serve as the clean-up committee.

Anyone who would like to sign up for a committee is asked to see the committee chairmen.

"Kruschev and Bulganin's Visit to the East" was the subject for discussion at the February meeting of the International Relations Club which was held in Stroup Parlor, February 13. Those taking part on the program were Jane Poplin, Sammy Stillwell, and Bill Cobb. The new officers installed at this meeting are Wallace Taylor, president; Ted Carpenter, vice-president, and Barbara Rhymer, secretary.

After the program twenty-nine new members were initiated into the club. These are Mary Grant, Joy Anders, Rebecca Ashley, Charles Blanton, Billie Everhart, Anita Jarrett, Jane Ann Butler, Rebecca Keller, Rachel Mixson, Luana Krause, Dot Walker, Len Evans, Jean Pickelsimer, Nancy Hayes, Martin Erwin, Don Shaw, Fay Woody, Lillian Liu, Mary Ann Jones, Nina Dellinger, Sarah Sigmon, Peggy Frith, Frank Norris, Raymond Laws, Arley Rosenberger, and Amy Wilson.

Following the initiation, refreshments, appropriate for the

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## Choralettes Sing For State YWA

The Choralettes, under the direction of Miss Irma Helen Hopkins, are going to provide special music for the state wide YWA Houseparty at Charlotte, February 24-26. Leaving Mars Hill on Friday by bus, the Choralettes will reach Charlotte in time to sing for the opening session Friday night. During the week end there will be opportunity for "fun" music as well as sacred programs. In addition, the Choralettes plan to sing on Sunday morning, February 26, at the Oakhurst Baptist Church in Charlotte.

Plans have also been made for the group to make several overnight trips later in the spring. They will leave on Saturday and return Sunday night, singing in several churches each trip. These trips will provide not only experience for the Choralettes, but also advertising for the college and its music program.

## Work Progresses On 1956 Laurel

Work on the Laurel is in full swing. The final copy is being written and last-minute pictures taken. While facts concerning theme and layout are secret, a few things one can look forward to in the 1956 Laurel are: one-third more pages (about 200) several color pictures, the announcement of Miss Laurel, and several other features.

All in all this Centennial edition promises to be a fitting tribute to Mars Hill's one hundredth year. If all goes well, the Laurel will be distributed some time around May 15.

All students whose pictures are yet to be made are asked to cooperate with the staff.