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## "Hey There"

We believe that the spirit of friendliness and of Christian integrity that has characterized the lives of the men and women who have passed through these doors has been one of the greatest attributes in the development and growth of Mars Hill College during these one hundred years. The value of friendliness has stood the test of time and now the tradition of another century has been entrusted to us.

It seems that we are in some measure losing or failing to cultivate this inherent quality in our lives. One might gain the impression that we are groping around in a foggy atmosphere not really conscious of what we are doing or where we are going. Are we really too busy to be friendly?

There is a legend that runs somewhat like the Rip Van Winkle story—only this man slept for forty years. Like Rip, when he awoke everything had changed, the village, the streets, the houses, the people. He could recognize no one and no one knew him. He was alone. And he fell on his knees and prayed, "O God, give me friendship or give me death!"

It is hardly likely that we have a Rip Van Winkle on Mars Hill campus, but quite often we do have guests. We want to make them know that they are welcome. Then many of our fellow classmates have suffered bereavements, illnesses, difficult circumstances at home, and other moments of discouragement. They need the assurance of our concern for them, and there is no better way to express it than through our friendly smiles and greetings. We don't want to be too busy to fulfill one of our greatest Christian responsibilities.

"It is well to live efficiently. It is better to live beautifully, and to be a joy within ourselves and a joy for men to see."

## College Name Goes Places

Wherever you may go in North Carolina and in many other places in the South you can find the manifestations of the influence of Mars Hill College. Mars Hillians like to go places and do things to bring honor and credit to themselves and their school.

One group which has taken representatives to several tournaments during the year is the forensics squad which has recently returned from the meeting of Southern Speech Association in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Members of the BSU also recently sent representatives to a forensics contest at ASTC. Stories elsewhere in this edition tell of the records made at these tournaments.

The department which travels most extensively from Mars Hill is the music department. The Touring Choir completed a tour just prior to the Spring Holidays which was very well received. The band is planning now for their annual trip which will take them to many places in North Carolina. The Choralettes have made several trips to churches in the Carolinas and rendered a particularly good performance at the state YWA Convention in Charlotte.

Recently returning from the state Dramatics Festival in Chapel Hill, the Dramateers and the Chapel Players deserve high praise for the fine productions they presented there.

Also in this paper can be found the report of several Mars Hill ministerial students who traveled recently to Lexington to hold a youth revival. Mars Hill is a stronghold of Christian faith and is perhaps proudest of all of these ambassadors for Christ who carried his message to other young people.

Everywhere that these students go they create friends both for themselves and for the College. In learning to face competition they learn to accept victory and defeat with equal grace and to appreciate the efforts of others who compete also. Most of all perhaps, they derive the satisfaction of having done a big job and having done it well.

## Alumni

Seven former Mars Hill College students helped get Libby Jordan married to John Dean recently in Charlotte. Jim Jones, Warner Bumgardner, and Tom Waller were ushers. Frances Hasty, Rachel Granger, Bea Adams, and Judy Horne were bridesmaids.

Mimi Devine, Katy Katsarka, Billie Marie Peek, James Blackwelder, Bob Chapman, and Wayne Cooper sing with the Furman University Singers. They presented "The Seven Last Words of Christ," at the First Baptist Church in Asheville on Easter night.

Katy Katsarka is a junior attendant in the May Day activities at Furman next month, and she wrote the script for the program. She is also South Carolina's Y.W.A. president.

Gena Jo Fant has been initiated into Hand and Torch, top honor society at Furman University. She is assistant editor for *Bonhomie*, and president of Townes dormitory. Also, she has been named to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

J. A. McLeod recently flew to Richmond, Va. to be guest speaker at a meeting of the Richmond chapter of the Mars Hill College Alumni Association. Among those present at the meeting were Ted Adams, Jr., president of that group and Margaret Johnson, a former editor of the *Hilltop*.

## Congratulations

On behalf of the student body the *Hilltop* staff wishes to extend congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. David Roberts upon the birth of a son, James Oren. Mrs. Roberts was formerly a member of the college music faculty.

The students were pleasantly surprised to learn of the announcement of the engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Pearl Francis and Dr. Robert Seymour. To them we extend our congratulations and best wishes.

Also congratulations are in store for Miss Doris Edwards who announces her engagement to Bill Blevins of Morganton.

## Senior Outing Is Eskimo Holiday

Last Saturday six buses filled with approximately 235 happy, shivering C-II's climbed their way up to the snow-capped peak of Mt. Mitchell for a day of sight-seeing, relaxation and snowball fights. The occasion for the trip was the annual Senior Day outing.

Before reaching the "Icelandic" section of the beautiful resort area, the group stopped for "warm up fuel" consisting of sandwiches and surprise goodies at Carolina Hemlock.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Sams, class sponsors, and the class officers made arrangements for the day.

After the trip the members of the graduating class were guests of the C-I's at a banquet given in the Coyte Bridges Dining Hall.

## Faith At Work

By NANCY FANT

With the 1955-56 school term rapidly drawing to a close all of the religious organizations on campus are busy nominating and electing new leaders for next year. The present officers have done an excellent job this year and we feel sure that those chosen for next year will do just as good work.

Training Union, which has been under the direction of Nathan Brooks, wishes to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Seymour for entertaining a union each week in his home. These parties have been arranged by Sara Ellen Dozier, and all members have enjoyed them immensely. We also want to express our appreciation to the couples who have sponsored the different unions, bringing the college and community closer together. Last, but certainly not least, Miss Underwood deserves our gratitude for being our faculty director.

In a recent meeting the college Brotherhood chose Len Evans as president for the 1956-57 term. Len has been very active in dramatics this year and is known to be an able leader. The remaining officers will be chosen in the very near future.

Volunteers for Christ and the Ministerial Conference met together in the Owen Building on April 4 and 11, to elect officers for the Mission Council. Doug Cole was chosen chairman and Don Gahagan co-chairman. The new secretary-treasurer is Carol Posey and publicity chairman, Grace Carswell. Mary Carolyn Grant was elected music director; Judson Rotan, leader of Mt. Olive; and Tommy Holland, Oteen chairman. Special services will be under the guidance of Charles Britt and Sunday services led by Gerald Alley. The B. S. U. representative is Jim Poteat. These same two groups are planning a party with the theme of a Spanish Fiesta for April 24.

The Ministerial Conference has elected as its new leaders; Lyman Wilson, president; Wal-

lace Taylor, vice president; Jim Rogers, secretary, and Charles Britt, reporter. Preceding these elections on Thursday, April 5, Andy Horn gave a short devotion on prayer. Volunteers for Christ elected Inabelle Lawton to serve as next year's president. The other officers will be chosen in a call meeting very soon.

The General Y. W. A. meeting will be held April 28, in the auditorium, with Huffman in charge of the program presenting an original play by Polly Osteen. For this month's community mission project the Y. W. A.'s are assisting in making Bible School hand work for a clinic at Mars Hill Baptist Church.

Some of the Ministerial students held a week-end revival in Lexington on April 5-8. The boys taking part in this were Andy Horn, Don Gahagan, Douglas Cole, Tom Fryer, Charles Britt, Bill Corey, Bob Jones, Ted Ward, Wallace Taylor, Charles Bullard, Gerald Alley, and Loren Miller. The revival resulted in four rededications, and two dedications to church related vocations.

## Birth Of An American

By BARBARA SCOTT

Back in 1945, my father, a member of the British Royal Navy, was aboard the H.M.S. Uganda which was damaged slightly and towed into Charleston Harbor, S. C. While there, he made contacts with many people who became his friends. After his return home he told us about his experience, and for long evenings he and my mother talked. My brother and I were unaware of their discussions.

One day at the supper table, Daddy announced that we were going to the U.S.A. I could not grasp the full significance of what he was saying and so gave little thought to it. Soon things began to happen, and I realized that we were really going for a long journey. Mother started packing and selling part of our furniture, and Daddy bought four permanent visas and made reservations.

Until about two years ago my family had not thought definitely of making applications for becoming American citizens. Of course the whole idea had been in the back of their minds, for each time we had moved since coming to the United States we were required to have our move recorded in the files of the Immigration Board. If we could not be located in a certain town or if we failed to file our destination, the Immigration and Naturalization Board, after a certain period of time had elapsed, had authority to fine us.

After we decided to make application for citizenship the Clerk of the Court gave us the necessary papers to be filled out and sent to Headquarters in Richmond, Va. Minute details, finger prints, information about everything done along with four individual pictures were all a part of the proceedings.

Only a month ago I had a special letter asking me to appear with my parents at the United States Post Office Building in Raleigh, and go to the Office of the Clerk of the Court on April 9 at 10:00 a.m.

Along with us it was necessary to have two witnesses to affirm that they had known us for five years and to guarantee that we had been residents of North Carolina for the same period of time. Several questions were asked us concerning the difference between the government of England and America and our loyalty in the defense of the United States. This went on for approximately thirty minutes and then we went to another room to be registered and to pay a \$10 fee and to swear that our statements had been correct.

Within the next two months we will officially become American citizens. My fifteen year old brother will not have to pass the same requirements in filling out citizenship papers because he is 18 of age. He will automatically become a citizen when our parents do.

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