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## Centennial Commencement Slated

### Many Alumni Expected For Class Reunions

Alumni in the greatest number ever to return to Mars Hill are expected for the Centennial Alumni Day and Banquet on Saturday, June 2, with eleven classes holding reunions.

Cecil Hill, prominent attorney from Brevard and a graduate in the class of '41, will be the speaker at the Alumni Banquet, at 5 o'clock in the Coyte Bridges Dining Hall. The banquet will honor founders of the college, and their descendants, who will be recognized during the program. Dr. R. L. Holt, vice-president of the college, and C. McCall, president of the Alumni Association, will preside. The invocation will be given by E. C. Moore, son of Dr. R. L. Moore, former president of Mars Hill College. The welcome of the class of '56 will be given by Mr. McCall. The response will be made by the class president of '56, Paul Caudill.

Recognition of each reunion class will be made by Mr. McCall. Each class will have a chosen spokesman who will say a few words of greeting on behalf of the class he represents.

The music will be given by the Choralettes under the direction of Miss Irma Helen Hopkins. Dr. Hoyt Blackwell will bring greetings and make the necessary announcements. Dr. Holt will present the Alumnus of the Year award and preside

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Pictured above is a group from the Moore scene of the Centennial Pageant to be given June 2, at 8:00 in the college amphitheater. Seated l. to r. are Martha Dickens, a school girl, R. L. Ashworth and Rachel Messick Chapman, who are portraying the late Dr. and Mrs. Moore. Other school girls standing in the same order are Camille Forte, Nancy Fant, Pat Bush, and Marye Shelton.

### "Let There Be Light" Depicts College Founding And History

"Let There Be Light," a pageant dramatizing the founding and history of Mars Hill College, will be presented in the college amphitheater on June 2, at 8 o'clock, as one of the highlights of the centennial celebration.

A cast of between three and four hundred persons will participate in the pageant. Local townspeople and faculty members will portray the founders, early leaders, and presidents. Twenty-four local children who are descendants of these founders will appear in the pageant. Many college students are cast in scenes involving campus activities.

Playing the roles of Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Moore are Ralph Ashworth and Rachel Chapman, respectively. Ramon De Shazo will be the narrator, while Suzanne Mims will be the Spirit of Christian Education and Sandra Hickman, the Spirit of Mars Hill. The latter two will occupy thrones throughout the production.

Persons will be coming from distances to assume roles of their ancestors. Dr. Oscar Carter of Memphis, Tennessee, will play Edward Carter, an original founder; and Marjorie Kruschwitz, Appalachian State Teacher's College, will portray Carter's wife. Mary Frances De Long of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, will take the part of her own mother, "Mother" Biggers.

Assisting in the program will be the touring choir, band, choralettes, and a speech choir composed of thirty voices.

The struggles and early hardships are depicted in the first portion. Enlargement and growth of the college under the leadership of Dr. Moore and Dr. Blackwell are traced in the second portion.

Dr. Ella J. Pierce has led a group of persons in writing the script for the pageant. Mrs. Elizabeth Watson is directing the production, which is being given under the joint sponsorship of the Music and Drama Departments.

A Gastonian, Libby Price, will serve as president for Edna Moore dormitory. Serving on the staff with her are Bobby Canady, vice-president; Patty Ledford, secretary-treasurer; Betsy

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### Graduates To Hear Caudill and Graham

Dr. Frank Porter Graham, Representative in United Nations, New York City, will deliver the centennial commencement address to the approximately 275 members of the graduating class at the exercises in Mars Hill Baptist Church at 9:45, Monday, June 4.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered at 11:00 on June 3, by Dr. Paul Caudill, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn. Music will include a solo by Miss Irma Helen Hopkins, an anthem, "The Beatitudes" by Evans, sung by the adult choir under the direction of J. Elwood Roberts, with Dan Pardue as soloist, and "The Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's *Messiah*, by the choir.

Graduation exercises will begin with the academic procession. Following the singing of the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy," Dr. Robert Seymour, pastor of the Mars Hill Baptist Church, will pronounce the invocation.

### Art Department Will Display Exhibit May 25

The annual Commencement Art Exhibit of Mars Hill College will be on display from Friday, May 25, to June 3, in the Spilman sun parlors and the art room, Moore 31. This exhibit will be composed of the work accomplished by art students during the spring semester of this year. Both regular art students and home economics art students will participate; and on display will be examples of drawing, painting, design work, advertising lay-outs, commercial art, and ceramics.

Of the fifteen art majors, five are C-II's. These are Roger Scott, Carol McManus, Pat Bush, Sally Reagan, and Tom Holder. The C-I art majors are David Heafner, Tim Kenney, Inabelle Lawton, Ramona Lawton, Bob Haycraft, Tom Foust, Ed Caraway, Mary Lou Bailey, Mary Lou McClung, and Bill Perry.

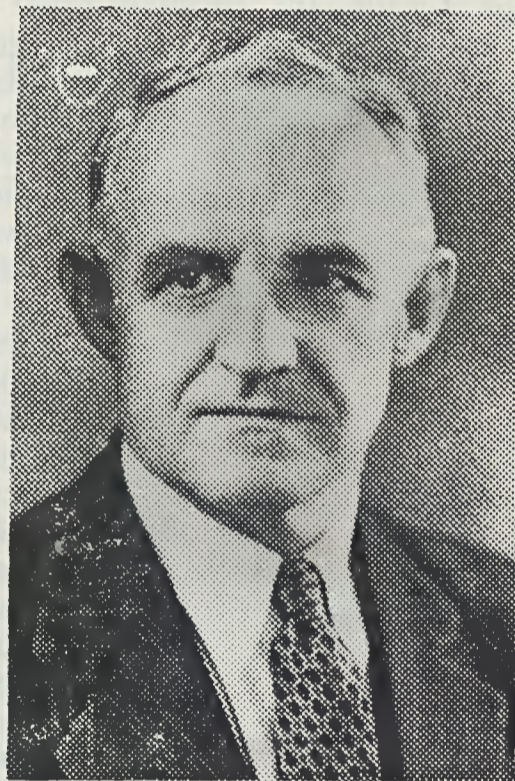
The exhibit will be characterized by different styles from realistic representations of nature to abstract interpretations of motion, sound, etc., as seen by the students.

A painting by Joe Chris Robertson, head of the Art Department is appearing in the exhibition "30 North Carolina Artists" at the Shaw Gallery in New York City, May 16-31. The name of his painting is "Autumn." The exhibition was assembled to celebrate the opening of the North Carolina State Art Gallery in Raleigh, the first state-supported art gallery in the country.

### Kenyon To Serve On Publicity Staff

Mary Elizabeth Kenyon, retiring editor-in-chief of the *Hilltop*, has accepted a position with the College's Public Relations Staff. Beginning her duties on June 15, she will assist with the publicity work.

Mary Elizabeth is a home economics major from Hillsboro, N. C. She holds membership in Scriblerus, Home Economics Club, Y.T.C. council, and Y.W.A.



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Additional music included in the program will be an organ solo, "Bells of Riverside," Bingham, played by Miss Carolyn Ward, and an anthem "How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place" sung by the college choir under the direction of Rufus Norris, with Miss Pearl Francis accompanying.

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### Clubs Elect Fall Officers

The Scriblerus and International Relations Honor Clubs are announcing their fall term officers. Leading the Scriblerus Club as president will be Lynne Courtney. She comes from Raleigh and is taking a Liberal Arts Course. Beverly England and Don Bratton will serve as vice-president and secretary-treasurer, respectively.

For the International Relations Club, Bobby Whaley from Havelock will serve as president. Assisting him will be Sarah Sigmon, vice-president in charge of programs, Dot Walker, social vice-president, and Rebecca Keller, secretary.

### Faculty Undergoes Personnel Changes

During the summer the regular college faculty will undergo a few personnel changes. Two vacancies have been created in the Music Department. Miss Carl Francis and Miss Dorothy Wakely will speak their nuptial vows during the summer. There will be a vacancy in the Math Department, as Orville Kruschwitz has resigned to accept a teaching position in Texas. These vacancies will be filled.

Two additions will be made to the present staff with the arrival of Carl W. Holland of Bristol, Va., and Frederick Corbin, a former Mars Hill graduate. Mr. Holland will teach history and geography. Mr. Corbin will instruct in chemistry and physics. The Library will have one as yet unnamed library assistant. Mrs. Wells, house mother at Stroup dormitory for a number of years, has announced her retirement.