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## Freshmen Elect Hogan as President of Class

Jimmy Hogan was elected president of the freshmen class at a meeting held in the college auditorium on November 16. Other officers elected are Ronnie Erwin, vice-president; Bea Champion, secretary; Bill Currin, treasurer.

Jimmy comes from Oxford and is pursuing a liberal arts course. He is a member of the Philomathian Society and the Brotherhood and Beta Tau group captain.

## Teachers Attend Two Conventions

Faculty members in the Departments of Modern Languages and History spent last week end at Winston-Salem and Durham attending conventions in their respective fields.

Mrs. Cornelia Vann, teacher of Latin, Mrs. Oren Roberts, teacher of French, and Mrs. Jim Moore, teacher of Spanish went to Forest College to meet with language teachers from the other liberal colleges in North Carolina in a two day conference on teaching of modern languages. Mrs. Vann is head of the Department of Modern Languages at Mars Hill.

Members of the faculty in the Department of History who attended the twenty-second annual meeting of the Southern Historical Association in Durham, November 16-19, were Miss Eve Underwood, Carl Holland, and Mrs. Harley E. Jolley. Carl Holland also made the headquarters for the meeting in the Washington Duke Hotel. The program included a consideration of several aspects of the history of the South from Civil War days to the present. The editing and publishing of the papers of great men was one topic discussed. Pertinent problems relating to South America and Europe were also on the agenda.

Vice-president Erwin is a ministerial student from Baltimore, Maryland. He is president of the Maryland Club, a member of the ministerial conference and the BTU.

Bea Champion, the newly elected secretary, is from Dublin, Georgia, and is taking a liberal arts course. She is a member of Clio Society, the Choralettes, Y.W.A., and the cheerleading squad.

The treasurer, Bill Currin, is also from Oxford and is a liberal arts student. He is a member of Philomathian Society, the Brotherhood, B.T.U. and Y.T.C. He played the lead in the Dramateers' fall production.

Sponsors for the class are Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Sams. Mr. Sams is a member of the faculty in the Department of Mathematics and Mrs. Sams teaches in the local high school. They have two daughters of pre-school age, Rebecca and Paula.

## Ex-Captain of Lions Heads State Team

Mike Miller, 1954 captain of the Mars Hill Lions, served along with John Szuchan, as co-captain of the North Carolina State football team in its battle with Penn State at University Park, Pa., on Saturday, Nov. 17.

Miller, a senior halfback from Allentown, Pa., has been the Wolfpack's number two right halfback for two seasons. He is a 152 pounder and is one of the best defensive backs on the squad.



Above are pictured some of those who participated in the singing early Thanksgiving morning. The group also took part in a pageant in the church at the annual Thanksgiving service.—Photo by MHC News Service Photo

## MHC Observes Thanksgiving

The annual Thanksgiving program sponsored by the Baptist Student Union under the direction of Dr. Ella Pierce was presented at the Mars Hill Baptist Church at 10:15 A.M. Thursday, November 22, 1956.

Dr. Hoyt Blackwell pronounced the invocation. The program was opened with "Rejoice in the Lord Always" by the Choralettes, after which the band played Chetzette's "Thanksgiving Fantasy."

Robert L. Holland gave the Prologue to the pageant "Lest We Forget," which was presented in three scenes.

The first scene "The Landing of the Pilgrims" included the reading "When the Pilgrim Fathers Landed" given by James O. Shurling and the hymn "God of Our Fathers," by the College Choir and trumpeters.

"We Gather Together," a Netherlands Folk song, was used as the processional for scene two which depicted "The First American Thanksgiving." Approximately two hundred students and community children took part in representing the Puritans and Indians who gathered on that occasion.

The third scene entitled "Three Centuries of Thanksgiving" was concluded with the singing of the "Recessional" by the Choralettes, with Gail Colvard as solocist.

Persons making responses from the audience at different points in the program were Marjorie Garrison, Margaret Ann Gidney, David Haynes, Thomas Lawrence, and Patricia Sechrest.

Dean R. M. Lee read the president's proclamation. Dr. Robert Seymour gave the Thanksgiving message, immediately following the greetings from the Alumni Association. In keeping with a custom of many years, an offering for the Mills Home was taken. Dr. Seymour gave a prayer of Thanksgiving, after which the congregation sang "Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart" as a closing hymn.

## Phi Anniversary Presents Life Without Hope Theme

"Life Without Hope—the Sickness Unto Death" was the theme of the 1956 Philomathian anniversary program staged in the auditorium, Thursday, November 22 at 8:00.

Bob Hale-Cooper, president, made a brief welcome address. Dean William Lynch delivered the invocation, followed by a hymn. During the dedication, a gift consisting of a guest book, ink well, and pen was presented to the Clio organization. Chaplain Tommy Bodkin brought the evening devotions after which the pledge to Non-pareil-Euthalia was sung.

Included in the program were a declamation "Oration at His Brother's Grave," Robert G. Ingersoll, presented by Harvey Dail, a dramatic monologue, "A Dream Within a Dream," Edgar A. Poe, rendered by Wendell Holland; and an oration "A Life Without Hope" written and delivered by Robert Mann.

Following these events was a debate, the query being: Resolved "That capital punishment should be abolished by law in every state." Supporting the affirmative were Sonny Cheek and Hyatt Gibbs, while the negation consisted of Ralph Cauthen and Tom Hogan.

Special music was provided during the program by the Phi glee club, a group of twenty-five under the direction of Bob Boroughs. They sang "The Whiffenpoof Song" and "Deep River". Musical numbers were also offered by an instrumental group, the Blue Notes, who played "Artistry in Rhythm," and "When I Grow Too Old To Dream." The orchestra was conducted by Terry Mitchell and performed for approximately a half hour before the program began.

To climax the evening's entertainment, the finale "Man Without Hope" was dramatized. The cast consisted of Bill Currin, Tommy Bodkin, Tom Lawrence, Larry Robinson, Sonny Kester, Malcolm Holland, Dick Randleman, and Bud Triplett. The finale was written by Bob Haycraft.

Performing in the orchestra were Charles Vaughn, Tommy Teague, Joe Seab, Clifford Frith,

## Regional Clubs Number Three

As the Hilltop goes to press information is available concerning only three Regional Clubs. Others will be organized in the near future.

Ronnie Erwin was chosen president of the Maryland-Washington, D. C. Club. Officers serving with him are Charles Adams, vice-president; Winnifred Bowie, secretary; Bob Haycraft, chaplain; Brenda Briddell, song leader.

Miss Mildred Bingham, a native of Maryland, and Dr. and Mrs. J. Raymond Nelson, who formerly lived in Bethesda, Md., are faculty sponsors for the club.

The Haywood County Club chose Don Shaw as president. Other officers are Thomas I. Francis, vice-president; and David Haynes, secretary.

Miss Nancy Medford, Miss Evelyn Underwood, and Miss Collie Garner, all faculty members from Haywood County, will serve as sponsors.

The Mecklenburg County Club has organized.

Tom Lawrence, Jennings Wagner, Conrad Austin, Byron Godfrey, Joe Purcell, Joe Ashborne, and Charles Webb.

Judges for the debate were Dean R. M. Lee, Emmett Sams, and Harley E. Jolley.

## Dr. Holt Reveals Plans In Expansion Program

"Holding fast to that which is old" and "reaching forth unto those things which are before" it, Mars Hill College has grown from a small building on a four-acre tract to nineteen buildings on one hundred and thirty acres with several additional buildings being planned for the near future.

Dr. Robert L. Holt, vice-president of the college, states in the new brochure, "Holding Fast to That Which Is True," which tells the proposed plans for Mars Hill's future that "during the past one hundred years trustees, alumni, and other friends have joined hearts and hands to build at Mars Hill a distinctive institution and to extend its services" and that the challenge now is to provide even greater opportunities for youth.

Eight new buildings are being proposed, and they include an auditorium, gymnasium, two dormitories for women, one for men, an administration building, a maintenance building, and housing for the faculty members. This proposed building project is not new, but it is merely the continuation of a program started approximately fifteen years ago. Dr. Holt describes the building project as "one continuous, long-range program of which one cycle has been completed and another is now being begun."

In beginning this second cycle of building the administration is trying to provide even greater opportunities for the students who come to Mars Hill. This project is not being undertaken in hopes

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