## Pope Pius XII

The Roman Catholics of the world recently met the end of an era in the death of Pope Pius XII at the age of 82 . He was the Holy See of the world's half billion Roman Catholics for the past twenty years.
The late Pontift
The late Pontiff took a complete world view of his mission, giving the Vatican a great impact in many fields. Pius XII directed the affairs of his great religious empire through World War II, the Korean War, and into the "cold war." He had not only the spiritual leadership that is required, but also an ability to understand politics. There were some cases in which Pius XII took great caution to keep the Church out of politics. There were others in which he intervened directly.
The United States does not exchange ambassadors with the Vatican, and in our nation Pius XII sought to keep the Church out of politics. In the case of Argentina he excommunicated Peron when Peron came in conflict with the Church in Argentina.
The head of the Vatican must of necessity be a statesman, an administrator, a politician, a theologian and a man of charm. The late Pope impressed many people as all of these.
The question of who will be the next Pope is now being decided. Technically speaking, any male Catholic over the age of 7 may be elected Pope. Yet for the past 580 years only cardinals have been elected, and for 436 years only Italian cardinals have reigned. Whoever the next Pope may be, the late Pius XII will be remembered as a great Pope.

## Litterbugs Plague Us

You walk along happily to class. The sun is shining; it's a beautiful day. You lift your eyes to gaze over the campus. Sud-
denly, you slip on a rotten apple core lying in your path. Slowly you get up off the ground and begin to retrieve your scattered books, when you notice that a half empty milk carton has leaked all over your new red Lit book which happened to fall near it.
Disgusted, you look around you. The hill of bright green grass to your left is marred by crumpled wads of notebook paper. A dirty Kleenex lies near a water fountain. Chewing gum and candy
wrappers lie in gay profusion among the colored leaves. Not a wrappers lie in gay profusion among the colored leaves. Not a
step away from any of these refuse heaps is a large ample trash step away from any of thes
can just made for the stuff.
Under the abella hedges you notice an unnecessary surplus of dirty paper cups that have been deposited there for unknown purposes. Near the edge of the hedge are several mashed ice cream cones-minus the ice cream. A cloud has definitely crossed your horizon. A cloud caused by utter thoughtlessness and disregard.

Our campus is noted for its beauty. Must we allow this reputation to go to the rubbish pile? Be on the look-out for litterbugs, and if you spot one about to mar the scenery, kindly point out the nearest trashcan. Litterbugs are criminals of the worst sort. Above all, don't you be guilty!

## In Appreciation

## Things are looking brighter these days

around campus, that is. The freshly painted walls of offices and halls in the Spilman annex, the neatly trimmed shrubbery and climbing ivy, the clean stone work at the entrances to the girls' dormitories, the new steps at dormitories and cafeteria-these and other improvements add to the beauty of the campus.

As we go to press the maintenance men are busily planting a white pine hedge to screen our front lawn from the backs of business buildings. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to Mr. Tilson and his men for their constant effort to make permanent improvements in the appearance of our campus. Let's show our appreciation by taking the best possible care of our surroundings.

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During the recent "famine" a co-ed who had long ago ex hausted her meal book supply, her allowance, and her limited number of friends was faced with quite a dilemma. Determined to have social life even if she couldn't afford the cafeteria price, our heroine-armed with lunch bag-joined her friends for the noon day meal. All eyes were turned toward the brave lass as she withdrew from her bag a can of pork and beans (plus of course, a can opener), an apple, and a cheropener, an apple, and a cher-
ished (though stale) piece of homemade cake. The limit was reached, however, when a helpful friend carried her bowl of beans to the kitchen to have them heated!
Another incident occurring in the same general locality was the result of the combined efforts of an unsuspecting farmer and several adventuresome
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tional. .
Your Halloween Party
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Speaking of pranks . . Halloween night should pass by Mars Hill unheralded. However, by the following night the goblins and spooks will probably be able to creep over the mountains to make their appearance at the Student Government Halloween Party. The date-November 1. The place -cafeteria. The time- 8 o'clock The entertainment - "DIF-
FERENT".

Entertainment of more current interest is the movie, The Deep Six, to be shown on campus tonight. It is the story of a Naval officer who, because of his Quaker upbringing, doubts that he will be able to perform his military duties under fire. An inner conflict in his personal life also comes to the screen.
Last year's alumni seen back on campus recently have been George Parker, Barbara England, Joe Arnold and Janet Cashwell from Wake Forest; Oleta Murphree, Frank Davis, John Burwell, Ted Purcell and Beverly Gibbs, Furman University; Jeanette Davis and Lethia Archer, Appalachian; Nina Faye Kirk, Baptist HosWital; Paul Gibbs, Gardner Webb; Harry Bu and Den nis McCurry of U. N. C., and Uuki Tomooka.
Largest non-compulsory attendance at chapel in quite some time was observed as Dr. Chester Swor, former dean of men and professor of English at Mississippi College, delivered a challenging message emphasizing the frequent reading of good literature, increased and lasting friendships, and the delasting friendships, and the deA large number of Mars Hillians can be found today at tending the BSU Retreat at

## POSITIVE NEGATIVES

## YOU CANNOT

bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift;
strengthen the weak by weakening the strong;
help small men by tearing down big men;
help the poor by destroying the rich;
help the wage-earner by pulling down the wage-payer and should do for themselves.

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is nothing new, but to overhear someone speaking Englist is nothing new, but to overhear someone speaking Engli Latin born and Latin bred" students.
These students, all girls, are Olga Herrera from Guaten Guatemala, the land of eternal Spring, and Ofelia Rodr Daisy Gonzalez from Cardenas, Cuba. Each of these Sp admits having difficulty

## Bowden Presents

## Library Painting

Miss Beulah Bowden has pre sented the library with a beau tiful oil painting of O. Henry' home near. Weaverville. Miss Bowden was the first librarian and a teacher for many years here at Mars Hill College.
Three of our library staff are attending the Southeastern Li brary Association in Louisville, Kentucky, this week. They are Miss Edna Eaves, Miss Ann Dacus, and Robert Coley.
Because of the splendid cooperation in the library, we have been able to get more work done on the vertical file work done on the vertical file
and we have it ready for your use weeks earlier than anticipated.
The vertical file is organized in the gray filing cabinets behind the reserve desk. It contains valuable up-to-date materials on various subjects in the form of clippings, pamphlets, booklets, pictures, maps, etc., filed in folders by subjects. Note the list of subjects in a drawer of the small card catalog by the reserve desk. These folders may be used in the reading room only.
Students who have studied their Library Handbook are getting more out of their assignments and are making better grades.

Fruitland Baptist Assembly. The group left yesterday for the two days of inspiration and fellowship. BSU'ers remembering Greensboro are looking forward
to the coming convention in Asheville with great enthusiasm. Tempo Picks Up!
Instead of the usual feeling of melancholy generally asso ciated with the falling of leaves and excitement have come to Mars Hill. Visits from long-unseen parents, mountainside breakfasts, and long afternoon hikes are just a few of the excuses used by students to find time to view God's handiwork in the form of beautiful autumn leaves.

As the leaves continue to fall, society vice-presidents will begin anniversary and reception preparations in earnest, skating will become a more popular pastime, snow ball fights will become a reality and the inevitable exams will come into view. Sadie Hawkins Day is November 8 . Enough sed!

