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Congratulations,
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Weekend Ahead

presentation of OUR
by Thornton Wilder by
Dramateers at 8:00 p. m.
May 29 will begin the 1959
commencement program of
Mars Hill College. On Friday
the art exhibit will open
in the library.

The annual Alumni Banquet
will be held Saturday evening,
May 30, at 5:30 in the Coyte
Dining Hall. Speaker
for the evening will be Woodrow
Wilson of Rutherfordton, an
honorary member of the Class of 1934.
The chairman of the State
Democratic Committee, a mem-
ber of the board of trustees of
Mars Hill College, and is
a lawyer.

Honored guests will be the
parents of the graduating class
of 1959. They will be officially
welcomed into Alumni Associa-
tion by Bill G. B. Smith, a
member of the class of 1949 and
president of the Alumni Associa-
tion. Joe C. Greene, graduating
president will give the re-

8:00 p. m. Saturday there
will be an intersociety debate
in the auditorium.
On Sunday, May 31, the Reverend
Roy Parker, pastor of the
Coyte Street Baptist Church
in Wakesboro, will give the bac-
calation sermon in the Mars
Hill Church. At 3:00 Sunday
evening the college band will
perform a concert, and a concert
presented by the college
at 8:00 p. m. that evening.
The commencement exercises on Mon-
day, June 1, will terminate the
year.

Miss Snelson Recognizes Miss BeShears, Snelson

Peggy Jane BeShears, a
graduate from Boger City, has
been chosen Miss Laurel of
this year's Laurel is dedi-
cated to Miss Frances Snelson,
while at Mars Hill, has
been in the beauty section of
the annual both years, May
and June, a Clio marshal,
and general officer of Sunday

Snelson graduated from
Mars Hill and received her BA
from Temple University.
She joined the MH College fac-
ulty in 1957.

She is receiving journalism
from Marta Fredy, Rog-
er, Tim Murray and June
of the Laurel staff and
Ann Lawton, Claiborne
and Jim Taylor, Ron
and Janice Arnold of
the Hilltop staff.

Imogene Harrelson was
elected Miss Home Eco-
nomics of 1958-59 at a recent
meeting. Imogene, a
graduate from Clinton, is
president of the club
and a home economics



ARTIST'S DRAWING FOR ROBERT LEE MOORE MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM Groundbreaking Slated To Occur On May 30; Construction Starts Soon For Moore Audit.

Ground-breaking ceremonies
for the Robert L. Moore Me-
morial auditorium are sched-
uled for 2:30 P. M. on May 30.
The first shovel of dirt will be
lifted by Mrs. Nona Moore Rob-
erts and Ernest L. Moore,
daughter and son of Dr. R. L.
Moore, who was for 51 years
the moving spirit of the col-
lege.

Gallimore Construction Com-
pany took the contract for the
building at \$870,000. Construc-
tion is expected to begin soon.

The foyer of the main floor
will open directly onto High-
way 213, which runs through
the center of the campus. Be-
sides the main auditorium,
which will include a balcony,
this floor will contain a music
library, music classrooms, listen-
ing rooms equipped with record
players, four music studios and
a faculty lounge.

The building, which will con-
tain 60,000 square feet of floor
space, will include an 1800-seat
auditorium, facilities for the de-
partment of art, music, dra-
matics and Bible and an aux-
iliary auditorium which will
seat 100.

Although these facilities are
sorely needed for the present
program of the college, the
building looms even more im-
portant for the future consider-
ing approval by the Baptist
State Convention for the school
to begin working toward senior
college status.

Approximately \$340,000 has
been contributed during the last
15 years to a building fund for
this project. Last November the
Baptist State Convention au-
thorized the trustees to borrow
up to \$500,000. The remaining
expenses must be financed by
gifts from alumni and friends.

The exterior will be red
brick with limestone trim and
will be of the same general de-
sign as most of the other build-
ings on the campus. It will espe-

cially harmonize with the Me-
morial Library, which stands
nearby and was erected in 1955.

A four-manual Aeolian-Skin-
ner pipe organ for the larger
auditorium and a similar two-
manual organ for the smaller
auditorium have been promised
by friends of the college and are
now being constructed.

The ground floor, which will
be entirely above grade, will be
shared by the music and the dra-
matics departments. It will con-
tain a band practice room, which
will accommodate 100 musi-
cians, and adjoining dressing
rooms; a similarly large rehearsal
room for the choir, also with
dressing rooms and space for
storage of music and choir robes;
and the small auditorium, which
will be used for recitals and
other performances by small
groups.

The dramatic department
area will include a classroom
with a stage, offices for the tech-
nical director and the head of
the department, a sewing room,
costume storage room and a
large workshop for the build-
ing and repair of stage scenery.

All of these areas will be
soundproofed so that none will
interfere with the others.

The auditorium has been de-
signed to produce the best pos-
sible sound for an individual
piano concert or a 100-piece
orchestra. An orchestra pit just
in front of the stage will permit
accompaniment of on-stage per-
formances. Every seat in the
auditorium will command un-
obstructed view of the 35 by
80-foot stage.

A broadcasting studio will be
located at the rear of the stage
with connections to other parts
of the building so that broad-
casts may be made from the
band or choir rehearsal rooms
or individual studios as well as
the main stage.

The front wing of the T-
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SS Officers Are Elected

General Sunday School officers
for the fall semester of 1959-60,
in the college department are as
follows: superintendent, Thurston
Martin; associate superintendent,
Ann Woodall; secretary, Jeann
Watts; associate secretary, Connie
Brady; pianist, Janice Beck; and
chorister, Glenn Hodge.

Officers of classes are Maryann
Smith, president of Mrs. Max
Ammons' class; Gwyn Picklesimer,
vice-president; Judi Miller, secre-
tary; and Peggy Brown, social
leader.

Mary Etta Mann is president
of Miss Caroline Biggers' class;
Nancy Dillingham, vice-president;
Malinda Duncan, secretary; Dot
Gilliam, associate secretary; and
Ruby Smith, Ann Nunn, Lydia
Spivey, and Carolyn Peurifoy,
dormitory representatives.

Miss Edna Eaves' class has
chosen Sally Graham, president;
Becky King, vice-president; and
Helen Kelley, secretary. Leading
Dr. Ella J. Pierce's class will be
Glenna Halsey, president; Mary
Katherine Latta, Millie Hurt, and
Aney Melton, vice-presidents; and
Wilma Lane and Marlene Evans,
secretaries.

President of Mrs. Ruby Sparks'
class is Sara Spoon; with Karolee
Lowe, Jeane Threatt, and Em-
mabelle Lovingood as vice-presi-
dents; Celia Caldwell, Carolyn
Schneider, Nancy Lytton, and
Florence Starn, secretaries; and
Doris Jacobs, Joan Kilkey, Violet
Godfrey, Reva Cook, and Naomi
Carr, dormitory representatives.

Frances Shirley is president of
Mrs. Cornelia Vann's class; with
Billie Faye Christie and Martha
Moore, vice-president and secre-
tary, respectively. New officers in
Fred Brown's class are president,
James Whitehead; vice-president,

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Marney To Speak At Commencement

Dr. Carlyle Marney, pastor of
Myers Park Baptist Church,
Charlotte, will deliver the ad-
dress at the annual commence-
ment exercises of Mars Hill Col-
lege, on June 1, in the Mars
Hill Baptist Church.

The invocation will be given
by the Rev. Dean Minton, min-
ister of education in the Mars
Hill church, following the sing-
ing of "Come Thou Almighty
King". After announcements by
President Hoyt Blackwell, Bar-
bara Dean will play an organ
solo, "Piece Horoique" by Ca-
sar Frank.

At the close of Dr. Marney's
address, the College Choir, un-
der the direction of Rufus Nor-
ris will sing "The Righteous".

The class of 1959 will be pre-
sented by Dean R. M. Lee. Two-
year students will receive asso-
ciate in arts diplomas. Accele-
rated students in the Depart-
ment of Business will receive
certificates.

After the presentation of di-
plomas, Dr. Blackwell will give
the president's message, ad-
dressed to the graduating class.
Dean R. M. Lee will award the
scholarships and prizes custo-
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Soph Artists Exhibit Work

The semester art exhibit will
be held in the audio-visual aids
room of the library and in the
art room from May 25 to June
1. Students of Joe C. Robert-
son, head of the art department,
will present the exhibition. Over
70 paintings and drawings in
casein, oil, wash, charcoal, and
pencil will be shown:

The ceramics class will ex-
hibit pieces in the display cabi-
net on the first floor of the li-
brary.

Sophomore art majors whose
work will be featured in the ex-
hibit include Robert Poe, Mar-
lene Guthrie, Jill Browne and
Carol Ann Lawton. Other art
majors represented in the ex-
hibit include Pat Quillen, Tim
Murray, Philip Denny, Judy
Dunn, Kathy Glore, Julia Van
Proyen, Max Washburn, and
Jane Wilkinson.

Senior College Switch Studied

The most recent action con-
cerning the conversion of Mars
Hill to a senior college was the
acceptance of the report of the
Committee of Twenty-Five by the
meeting of the Baptist State Con-
vention.

The Mars Hill trustees were
advised to proceed with a study
on the matter of becoming a
senior institution. A committee
composed of trustees and faculty
members will be named during
commencement. The report of this
committee will likely be received
some time during 1960.