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After the chapel induction services are the new marshals. Eight on the front row are Sharon Wood, Cynthia Perkins, Art, Peggy Woody, Jane Haywood, and Elaine Collins. Back row: Franklin Anderson, Morris Hooten, Ronald McClanrock, Bobby Davis, and Harry DeLoach.

Societies Lead Off Freshman Term Stephenson, Shelton, Creel, McLendon

Stephenson, Rosalyn Creel, Page Shelton, and Mackie were elected to lead their respective societies through 1960. Jean Yoder, Emily Sodergren, Faith Edwards, Ron Allan Clark will serve as vice-presidents.

Stephenson, a music major from Fuquay Springs, heads the group of officers. Jean Yoder from Hickory will be backing president. The secretary and censor chairs will be filled by Rodan and Ferial Forbus, respectively. Martha Compton will head the religious ilfe of Clio, as she fills her position as chaplain. The enthusiasm will be led by Virginia Webb who is serving as chorister.

Chemistry Awards For Students

Annual chemistry, physics and math award winners were announced for the year.

Keel (Hugo) Wong received the highest chemistry award of 300 students in the latest edition of the book of *Chemistry and the book which contained 300 pages was published by the Chemical Company of Cleveland, Ohio. Hugo had his name and the College engraved in the front cover.*

Physics award was won by Dennis, Jr. Paul altopy of the *Handbok*. Ron Murdock received mention. Both Paul received top awards eligible students.

Math award was won by Gene for the highest freshman math test. A book of math donated by the Chem Co. All freshmen were eligible.

Annual Ivy Chain for graduating sophomore will be held Wednesday in front of the cafeteria during this twilight event. The little sisters of the Phi will say farewell by placing them with an ivy chain. Those who wish to receive service is invited, according to Coach Virginia to the Women's Association which will be the event.

Nonpareil elected Rosalyn Creel, an elementary education major from Charlotte, to serve as president. Emily Sodergren from Bowling Green, Va. and Faith Edwards from Leicester were elected to fill the vice-presidents' chairs. The newly elected secretary is Mary Thore, and Pat Johnson will serve as censor. Non elected Jessica Boyette to be chaplain. Brenda Welch will serve as chorister.

Mackie McLendon was elected by the members of Euthalia to serve as president of his society. Mackie is a pre-med major from Oakboro. Allan Clark from Canton was elected vice-president. Bill Baber and Rhea Fletcher will hold the offices of secretary and censor, while Ed Morton serves as chaplain. Bill Deans will be chorister.

The members of Philomathia elected Page Shelton, a liberal arts major from Durham, to lead them through C-I Term. Ron Cooke from Hickory was elected vice-president. Ron Stamey will serve as secretary, while Chris Hardy fills the position of censor. The religious side of Phi will be led by Eddie Newman, while Mayon Weeks will be responsible for the society spirit.

Congratulations

The *Hilltop* staff extends sincere congratulations to the members of the *Laurel* staff for an impressive publication which will long be appreciated by the student body.

Plemmons, Blackburn To Speak At Graduating Exercises; Other Events To Include Play, Concert, And Art Exhibit

Dr. William H. Plemmons, Mars Hill alumnus, will be the speaker at the 1960 graduation exercises on Monday, May 30, in Mars Hill Baptist Church, when two hundred and twelve students graduate.

After graduating from Mars Hill in 1926, Dr. Plemmons attended Wake Forest College, where he received his A.B. in 1928. Since then he has attended summer school at Duke University, University of North Carolina. He received his A.M. from Duke in 1935, and his Ph.D. from U.N.C. Dr. Plemmons is now serving as president of Appalachian State Teachers College at Bone.

Dr. J. Glenn Blackburn, pastor of the Wake Forest Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, will be the speaker at the Baccalaureate service on Sunday, May 29 at 11:00. Dr. Blackburn is a native of West Jefferson. He received his A.B. from Wake Forest in 1935, and his Th.M. in 1938 from the Southern Theological Seminary. In 1941 he received his Ph.D.

Dr. Blackburn has been in the ministry since 1941. He served as chaplain at Wake Forest College from 1948 - 1958. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Also included on the agenda for Sunday is the College Band Concert at 3:00, the Graduate Tea at 4:00, and a concert by the College Choir at 8:00.

Further commencement exercises include an Art Exhibit at the Memorial Library by the graduating art students.

Friday night at 8:00 the Dramateers will present "Where'er the Sun," an award winning three-act play by Elizabeth Wat-

Alumni Banquet To Be May 28

The annual Alumni Banquet will be held Saturday, May 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the college cafeteria. The speaker for the occasion will be Dr. George W. Paschal, Jr., a surgeon from Raleigh.

Dr. Paschal, who attended Mars Hill in 1923 - 25, received his B.A., his B.S. and his B.S. in Medicine from Wake Forest College and his M.D. from Jefferson Medical College. In Raleigh, he has been chief of the department of surgery at Mary Elizabeth Hospital, attending surgeon at Rex Hospital, and chief of the surgical staff of the Saint Agnes Hospital. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Surgery and a deacon in the Pullen Baptist Church. Mrs. Paschal is the former Miss Beth Eleanor Cummings. They have three children.

Presiding over the banquet will be Mr. Charles Peterson of

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Watson, Whitfield Featured in Laurel

Mrs. Elizabeth Watson, head of the dramatics department, and Sallie Whitfield of Lake Wales, Fla., were honored in the 1960 *Laurel*, respectively, in the dedication and as "Miss *Laurel*."

Mrs. Watson recently won the Pearl Setzer Deal Award in playwriting for her original play, "Where'er the Sun". She has been a member of the Mars Hill faculty for 16 years.

Sallie is a freshman and was a member of the May Court. Neil Hartley, production supervisor of the David Merrick organization and former Mars Hill student, made the selection. Concerning the selection which was made from photographs, Mr. Hartley said, "I have selected the one who appears to me to have the best features and brightness of personailty. Please know that I consider them all quite pretty, but the first is outstanding to me."

Awards were presented the staff members of the *Laurel* and *Hilltop*. Staffs at the dedication ceremony given in the Owen chapel Tuesday, May 17.

Student Council Leaders Chosen

Virginia Webb of Richmond, Va., and John Fisher of Concord have been elected presidents of the women's and men's student councils respectively for next year. Virginia is president of Edna Moore Dormitory and John is president of Melrose.

Florence Grey of Jonesville is vice-president of the women's council and Marie Newton of Roxboro is secretary. Rebecca Bowen of Shannon is chaplain.

Randolph Riddle of Kannapolis is vice-president of the men's council and David Coffey of Durham is secretary.

"Far Away Places" was the theme of the student council banquet held in the cafeteria May 11 at 5:15. Both the old and new members of the combined Men's and Women's Councils, together with special guests were invited to attend.

The theme was carried out in the colors of red, white, and blue. A highlight of the evening was the giving of pot pourri jars to girls who have served on the council this year. These colorful jars contain dried flowers which are preserved through the use of sweet smelling spices. Each person to attend the banquets assists in the filling of these jars which gives them special significance to the girls who receive them.

Graduates Receive Scholarships

Several Mars Hill graduates have received scholarships to senior institutions. Carol Kendall, received a \$200 scholarship from Meredith College. Wake Forest has awarded \$150 to Ken Aydelette of Greensboro. The Poteat scholarships from Wake Forest of \$300 each have been awarded to three students, Dorothy Gilliam, of Charlotte, Lydia Spivey of Raleigh, and Gail Dowdy of Newport News, Va.

Janice Beck of Kannapolis has been granted a \$300 scholarship from Johns Hopkins University for the pre-clinical period at the School of Nursing. Roger Shaw of Richmond is the recipient of \$500 from the University of Richmond.

Furman University has granted \$250 to Ruth Teague of Mars Hill, and Patricia Robinson received \$800 from Salem College. Woman's College of the University of North Carolina awarded to Martha Fisher and Nancy Dillingham, both of Asheville, \$150 each.



Dr. Plemmons, head of the Dramatic Department. John Morrow and Brener Levy have the leading roles in the play. Others included in the cast are Rhea Fletcher, Charles Stevens, Aubrey Smith, Jeff Griffin, Ned Slagle, Davis Anderson, Sam Beard, and numerous others.

Saturday, May 28 at 5:30 Dr. George W. Paschal Jr. will speak at the Alumni Banquet. At 8:00 the Intersociety Debate will be held in the College Auditorium. The topic will be Resolved: Congress should have the right to reverse Supreme Court decisions. Following the debate society honors will be awarded.