



# Merry Christmas



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## Bear Scare Leads To Grave Consequences



A good print was left in the mud beside the new auditorium and fine arts building by the bruin which visited the campus recently. This photograph gives an indication of the relative size of the track in comparison to the print of a Size 10 shoe. Hundreds of townspeople, as well as students, came to view the imprint.

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The bear scare, caused recently by a hungry bruin who was brave enough to traverse Mars Hill's campus, has led to grave consequences — for the bear, that is! It reportedly was killed by Angle Edwards of Democrat, N. C., after it was tracked down by hounds owned by Stanley Marshbanks of Weaver-

ville. The excitement over the strange campus visitor began early on Saturday morning, Nov. 18, when the bear came out of the woods and ambled across the campus. First reported seen in the area near Treat and the gym, looking in some trash cans, the bruin proceeded across Highway 213 and passed within 50 feet of Moore Auditorium.

Near the electric transformer station beside the new building the animal apparently stumbled down the embankment and walked through a mud hole. There he left a good set of paw prints as he scrambled up the bank and disappeared into the woods near Brown Dormitory.

A story which appeared in the Asheville *Citizen-Times* the next morning stated that several persons claimed "some college boy" saw the bear. That boy was Eddie Johnson of Brown Dormitory. He said he thought at first it was merely a dog and didn't give it a second thought. Word of the incident spread quickly over the campus and the

community, bringing large numbers of people to the spot to see the tracks in the mud. One of these was Wildlife Protector Raymond Ramsey of Mars Hill, who definitely identified the tracks as those of a bear. He expressed the opinion that the bear was looking for food because of a shortage of rations in the woods.

Shortly after the bear was seen and the tracks discovered, Mr. Marshbanks put his hounds on the trail. They tracked the animal to the Democrat community about five miles from Mars Hill, where Mr. Edwards shot it. Mr. Marshbanks identified the tracks on the campus as being those of the animal that was killed.

## Picture Orders Ready Tomorrow

Students who ordered prints of their pictures made for the *Laurel* will have them in time for Christmas.

The photographer, Mrs. Juanita Shope, will deliver picture orders on the sun porch of Spilman from 9 a. m. until 4 p. m. Saturday and Monday and from 9 a. m. until noon Tuesday.

Orders must be paid for at the time of delivery, Mrs. Shope said.

## Blood Donors Earn Praise

Mars Hill has received high praise for its recent donation of 212 pints of blood to the Asheville Regional Blood Center.

A letter from Miss Elizabeth McCutchen, administrative director of the Center, to Miss Virginia Hart, who was in charge of the donation program on the campus, said, "We are more than proud of Mars Hill College and deeply grateful to you for the splendid response at the Bloodmobile operation.

"It gives us a happy feeling to be able to say 'yes' — as we can do today — when our 35 hospitals ask 'Do you have any blood?' It has been a struggle to meet needs recently, even with borrowing from other Centers, so your 212 pints gives a real boost.

"I know that a lot of thought and hard work went into making the day such a success. To you, to each donor, each volunteer worker, and everyone else who had a share in the accomplishment, we express our appreciation."

Miss Hart said 250 persons offered to donate blood and that 212 — 131 men and 81 women — were accepted. Of this number 202 were first-time donors.

## William Warfield Gives Guest Recital At MHC

One of America's best-known musicians, William Warfield, a Negro baritone, will visit the Mars Hill campus on Jan. 5 to give a recital in Moore Auditorium. He will be the first Negro artist to appear on the campus under the sponsorship of the college's lyceum series.

In 1958 Warfield made a world tour at the request of the U. S. State Department, giving 28 recitals in Asia. He sang at the Brussels World Fair and has performed in "The Messiah" by Handel on four different occasions with the Philadelphia Orchestra. One of these performances was in Carnegie Hall. In addition to his concert work the famous singer is also a Columbia recording artist.

His program at Mars Hill will consist of "I Feel the Deity Within"; "Arm, Arm, Ye Brave" from "Judas Maccabeus" by Handel; "Evening Hymn" by Purcell; "Salve Corpus"; two songs by Schubert; two by Wolf; a selection from Verdi's opera "Don Carlo"; "Heavenly Grass" by Paul Bowles; "Joy" and "The Negro Speaks of Rivers" by Howard Swanson; two songs by

Celius Dougherty; and a group of Negro spirituals, including "Oh, John," "Let Us Break Bread Together," "Bless My Soul 'an Gone," "L'il Boy" and "Ain't Got Time to Die."

Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock the college band, under the direction of John N. Sumrall, will present a special program of Christmas music in the new auditorium.

Two other Christmas music programs were presented earlier by the touring choir and by the college chorus, both directed by T. J. Cole, and the college orchestra, directed by Dr. Robert Hopkins.

### Yule Programs Given

First was the presentation of "The Messiah" by Handel by the college chorus in the auditorium on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 3. Mrs. Donna Robertson, organist, and sophomore Margaret Bruce, pianist, played the accompaniment. Soloists were students Diane Yelton, soprano; Mrs. Mollie Rich, mezzo-soprano; Robert Rich, tenor; and Ronald Luck, bass.

A Christmas program was presented jointly by the touring choir and the orchestra on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 10. Together they performed "Gloria" by Vivaldi; then, without accompaniment the choir sang several Christmas selections, including some carols of other nations and two selections from "The Peaceable Kingdom" by Randall Thompson.

Mrs. Robertson was soloist with the orchestra in the performance of Handel's "Organ Concerto in F."

## WRA Spotlights Christmas Parties

Members of the WRA Council will enjoy two Christmas parties tomorrow. After the parties in the dormitories Saturday night, the council will have its own party in the gym. A special program, volleyball and basketball games and plenty of good food will be featured.

Miss Hart and five of our members were privileged to take part in the State WRA Conference earlier this month at Guilford. Our president, Judy Ferguson, and vice president, Mary Ann Glasgow, led a discussion of the topic, "The WRA and Its Responsibility on an Inter-collegiate Basis." The discussion blended well with the conference theme, "Time Out for Responsibility." The other three Mars Hillians attending the meeting were Roddy Edwards, Bobbie Hohman and Merinda Bennett.

Girls' intramural basketball began after the Thanksgiving holidays and is progressing satisfactorily.

## Democrats Elect Bryan, Republicans Organize

The first concrete steps in the formation of Young Democrats and Young Republicans clubs on the campus were taken Monday night when the Young Democrats Club held an organizational meeting in the Owen Building.

Ninety-two charter members elected the following officers for the remainder of the school year: Tom Bryan, president; Ann Brookshire, first vice president; Tom Eller, second vice president; Faye Coker, secretary; and Mike Randallman, treasurer.

Tuesday night the Young Republican Club elected Charlie Young, president; Roy O'Bryan, vice president; John Baskin, secretary; Pat Bowers, assistant secretary; and Mose McCall, treasurer.

Mr. Richard Hoffman of the social science department is assisting in the organizational planning. There is an alarming lack of interest on our campus in political affairs, he says, and the new clubs will offer avenues of escape from such disinterest.

Stimulation of interest in good government, the preparation of better-informed citizens and training for future political leadership are the chief objectives of the new organizations.

Outside speakers, including elected officials from the local, state and national levels, are being sought

to add interest to the monthly meetings of the clubs. Members will follow the state, national and local elections carefully and perhaps hold mock elections of their own here on the campus.

The YDC hopes to send two or three members to a YDC convention in Durham. Also, there is a possibility that the two opposing party organizations will stage political debates on the campus.

By pointing out that most of Mars Hill's current students will be able to vote in the next presidential election, Mr. Hoffman and the students helping to organize the two clubs hope to arouse additional interest. "Will you cast your vote wisely?" they ask.

## Fund Office Opens

Headquarters for the \$2,300,000 fund-raising campaign launched here Founder's Day have been opened at 2 Charlotte St., in Asheville across from the First Baptist Church.

Dr. M. A. Huggins, who is serving as director of the campaign, is teaching at Fruitland Institute near Hendersonville and will be in the office only on weekends until the end of the semester; then, he will take up his duties full time.