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COLLEGE RECEIVES BEQUEST FOR SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

A \$300,000 bequest from the estate of Miss Fuchsia Virginia Marshbanks of Raleigh, who died June 10, has been announced by Mars Hill College.

The bequest, in the form of stocks and bonds, will go into the Marshbanks-Anderson Scholarship Fund, which Miss Marshbanks and her sister, Flossie Marshbanks, also of Raleigh, established in 1977 in memory of their parents. It makes the total in the scholarship fund \$375,000.

The Marshbanks sisters were born in Madison County, and their family home once stood where the college science building now stands. Their family, including both their mother's and their father's sides, (Anderson and Marshbanks), has been associated with the college since its founding in 1856. A great uncle, the Rev. J. W. Anderson, was one of the founders of the college and served as the first secretary of the original Board of Trustees.

Virginia Marshbanks received her early education at Mars Hill College and later attended the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She was graduated from the nursing division of the Medical College of Virginia and spent her professional career in the field for hospital administration. She administered hospitals in Virginia and West Virginia, and was superintendent of Rex Hospital in Raleigh for 10 years prior to her retirement. During her professional career she served on boards and commissions, state and national. In addition, she was active in the First Baptist Church of Raleigh and in numerous public and community services. She and her sister traveled extensively throughout the United States and Canada and in other areas of the world. Despite the fact that they lived in Raleigh, they maintained close contacts with friends and relatives in Mars Hill and regularly participated in family reunions.

When the Misses Marshbanks announced the establishment of the scholarship fund last year, they revealed long-time interests in Christian higher education and explained their dreams of honoring their parents and helping deserving students.

"It is our hope," they said, "that the scholarships which will be awarded out of our gift will provide opportunities and blessings for many future citizens and leaders of our state."

They proclaimed their conviction that children "constitute the state's most important and valuable resource" and that education is "the most effective avenue by which young people can develop to the fullest their potential for becoming good citizens and leaders." They cited Christian colleges as "offering the most promising opportunity for serious-minded youth to learn to think intelligently and effectively and to determine for themselves the most important values in life."

When fully implemented the scholarship fund will provide tuition grants to "superior and deserving high school graduates who desire to prepare themselves for service to their churches, communities, the state and humanity."

In accepting the bequest, Dr. Fred Bentley, president of Mars Hill College, was lavish in his praise of the Marshbanks sisters.

"In establishing the Marshbanks-Anderson Scholarship Fund, Virginia and Flossie Marshbanks have done a beautiful thing for the college and for young people who seek higher education in a Christian environment. Their concern for the development of Christian leaders and public servants will be perpetuated through the young people who receive financial assistance out of the scholarship fund. What a marvelous way to express appreciation for being reared in a Christian home by loving and supportive parents."

Archie Jones Motorcycles Through South And Central America

Archie Valejo Jones Jr. of Mocksville, the 20 year-old son of the Rev. Archie V. Jones Sr., left Sept. 27 to embark on an approximately 25,000-mile four months trip through the countries of South and Central America.

Jones is making his trip in conjunction with his academic studies as a junior at Mars Hill College. He will receive sixteen hours academic credit for the trip.

In addition, he will be periodically contributing articles to the ENTERPRISE-RECORD describing his adventures during his tour.

Accompanying Jones on the trip will be 53-year-old Clyde Townsend, the Honda Motorcycle dealer in Dothan, Alabama.

The primary means of transportation during most of the trip will be by motorcycle.

The South and Central American tour will not be the first time Jones and Townsend have ventured off together on an extended motorcycle trip. In the summer of 1976, the two rode from Dothan to Circle City, Alaska (16 miles from the Arctic Circle) on a 37 day, 12,000 mile trip.

Foreign environments, specifically in South and Central America, are nothing new to Jones. During the 1960-76 period, he lived with his family, who were Southern Baptist missionaries, for most of the 16-year period in Ecua-

Jones will keep a diary and be taking photographs to his instructors at Mars Hill in South America and Costa Rica in Central America.

"I spoke Spanish before I spoke English," noted Jones.

It was while Jones and his family were living in Ecuador in 1974 that they first met Townsend, who visited them for a week while he traveled through South America on a motorcycle.

Townsend has been very active in missionary laymen's work for the Southern Baptist Church and this work brought him in contact with the Jones family.

Hill when he returns.

He is pursuing a double major at the school in Spanish and business and hopes to go on to graduate school when he graduates and study international management.

The academic credit which Jones will receive from his experiences on the trip will include 4 hours each in the subjects of history, geography, Spanish, and economics.

He will also serve as the Spanish translator for Townsend while on the tour.

Their tentative itinerary has them scheduled to go from Venezuela to

Columbia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, and Argentina all the way to Tierra del Fuego, which is the southernmost point of the South American Continent.

From Tierra del Fuego the two will then head north and pass through the countries of Chile, Peru, Ecuador and Panama and other Central American countries on their way back to Dothan.

In addition to gaining academic credit for his venture, why is Jones making the extended trip?

"One of the biggest reasons Mr. Clyde and I are going on the trip is to meet as many missionaries as possible and try to help them in any way we can and give them encouragement," he said.

"Also I just enjoy traveling very much. I guess I got this enthusiasm for traveling from my dad while he was a missionary," Jones noted.

In addition, he remarked before leaving that "At this point in my life I've got a lot of decisions to make about my future that I need time to think about. In order to make them more clearly it's best to get away for a while and look at them objectively and while I'm riding on a motorcycle for as long as I will be I will have time to do a lot of thinking."

Jones did comment before he left that "If there is any honor or glory of any sort to be given because of this trip Mr. Clyde and I don't want it given to us, but to our Creator."

LION SAFARI NOV. 4

The Admissions Office will sponsor "Lion Safari" again this year on Sat., Nov. 4. This is a day planned especially for prospective students. They will visit the campus, talk to faculty and administrators, enjoy entertainment and the football game, and generally see first hand what college life at Mars Hill is all about.

Current Mars Hill students can help spread the word by contacting your friends at home who will begin college next year or your friends in other colleges who wish to transfer. Invite them to

"Lion Safari."

The only overnight accommodations will be sleeping-bag space on Sat. night. If you will have an empty bed in your room Fri. or Sat. night which you would be willing to share with a visitor, please contact the Admissions Office, telephone 201 or 202.

Visiting students should plan to arrive on Sat. morning in time to register in Wren College Union between 9 and 10 a.m. Additional information is available from the Admissions Office.