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## Commencement At Mars Hill College This Week-End

Over 700 alumni are expected to return to the campus this weekend (May 18-19) as Mars Hill College closes out its 118th year of academic activity.

A schedule of events combining "Alumni Day" and baccalaureate and commencement programs has been announced for Saturday and Sunday respectively. A registration desk for former students, parents of graduating seniors, and other campus visitors will be in the main lobby of Wren College Union from 2 until 9 p.m. on Friday and again Saturday.

The \$1.2 million college union will be the scene for nearly all of the alumni gatherings, which will start at 3:30 p.m. Saturday with the once-yearly business meeting of the Alumni Association. This will be held in Belk Auditorium, adjacent to the new union.

The annual alumni banquet, to be held in Coyte Bridges Dining Hall, will begin at 5:30 p.m. It will be the occasion at which members of the 1974 class will be welcomed into the ranks of the alumni. It will also be the time for the awarding of "Alumna and Alumnus of the Year" honors to two outstanding former students.

### Old News-Record WANTED

A copy of The News-Record, dated the last two weeks of July or the first two weeks of August, 1939, are wanted. Anyone having paper on any of these dates are asked to bring them into The News-Record office or mail them and the management will be glad to pay for them.

### Vance Birthplace Fine Trip For Students

At the Vance Birthplace State Historic Site on Reems Creek Road at Weaverville we have a beautiful exhibit of a pioneer home. Governor Zebulon Baird Vance, our Civil War governor, was born here in 1830. The reconstructed log house with its original fireplaces was built around 1795, has five rooms and was considered a mansion in its day. It is furnished with pieces from the mountain area during the time the Vances

Activities during the weekend will also include the spring meeting of the Board of Trustees. The 36-member policy-making body will convene at 10 a.m. Saturday to approve the \$4.3 million college budget for 1974-75, review faculty appointments and authorize two new construction projects.

Webb Ellis, Asheville insurance broker, is chairman of the board and will preside over the business session, which will also include the election of officers for 1974-75.

A special item on the agenda of the trustee meeting will be the honoring of Dr. Perry Crouch of Raleigh, who will deliver the baccalaureate sermon the following morning. Formerly pastor of the First Baptist Church of Asheville, Dr. Crouch is now the executive secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. He was a Mars Hill trustee prior to assuming his present position in 1964 as head of the million-member Baptist denomination in the state. He will be cited by the current trustees "for his many years of service to church ministry, denominational service and Christian higher education."

Following the trustee meeting, the board will hold a joint luncheon with the college's 100-member Board of Advisors. Speaker for the occasion will be Dr. Richard Meeth of the State University of New York at Buffalo, educational consultant who has worked closely in recent years with Mars Hill academic administrators in curriculum development.

On Sunday the spotlight will shift from former students to present students in the ritual of the baccalaureate and commencement services. The former, in which the congregation of the Mars Hill Baptist Church will participate, will begin at 10:45

a.m. in the 1800-seat college auditorium.

Nearly 300 seniors - the largest graduating class in the history of the college - will receive degrees during the commencement exercises at 3:00 p.m. Sunday. They will be presented individually and as a class by the academic vice president, Dr. Richard Hoffman. The diplomas will be awarded individually by Dr. Fred Bentley, president of the college.

### Open House At Broughton On Sunday

Broughton Hospital in Morganton, which serves 32 counties in Western North Carolina, will hold Open House on Sunday, May 19, from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Since the last Open House, the hospital has completed its reorganization, and tours will be conducted to include the acute psychiatric units as well as the specialty units. The tours will originate from the Employees' Cafeteria, where refreshments will be served.

The hospital staff would like to encourage the citizens of Western North Carolina to take advantage of this opportunity to visit their regional mental hospital and see for themselves the various programs and treatment modalities in progress at Broughton Hospital.

### Registration Of Students Continuing

It was announced this week that student registration is continuing in the county. Students may register at individual schools or at the Madison High School Office, which is currently located in the Ramsey Building on Main Street here. Students may also register by phone by calling 649-2878 daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Of Interest To Swine Growers

Effective June 1, the requirement for on-the-farm inspection of swine within 30 days of sale will be discontinued. It will be replaced by a system of marketing based on the inspection of each herd at 90 day intervals.

Each herd owner or manager, who wishes to sell feeder or breeder swine, should apply to the same person who has been inspecting his swine and issuing permits under the present system. Swine (except for immediate slaughter) to be sold at a public livestock market must be accompanied by a Marketing Card.

Your past and present cooperation in this program has made it possible for North Carolina to achieve and maintain its Hog Cholera-Free status. With your help, we can complete the job in the United States and protect our farmers from this costly disease.

### Post Office Places New Items On Sale

Now available for sale to the public at the Post Office are the following items to help with preparing mail for mailing:

- 1. Stamp Dispenser
- 2. Desk and Precision Office Scale
- 3. Mailer Bags
- 4. Envelope Holders

### Dr. Duck, Mrs. Davis "Alumni of Year" At Mars Hill College



DR. OTIS DUCK

Dr. Otis Duck of Mars Hill and Mrs. Paul Price Davis of Yadkinville will be honored at Mars Hill College Saturday, during Alumni Day, as alumnus and alumna of the year.

Nearly 300 seniors - the largest total in the college's history - will receive bachelor's degrees Sunday afternoon during graduation exercises, the culmination of a two-day commencement weekend.

Dr. Perry Crouch, executive secretary of the Baptist State Convention, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday morning in Moore Auditorium.

A 1937 graduate of the college, Dr. Duck was born and reared in Madison County. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Berry Duck, who now live in Asheville.

The family traces its heritage back to one of the founders of the college. Following his graduation from the junior college program at Mars Hill, Dr. Duck transferred to Wake Forest College, where he was graduated in 1939. Then he did his medical studies at Hahnemann Medical College in Philadelphia, receiving the M. D. degree in 1943.

He interned in Knoxville and

then entered the U. S. Army Medical Corps, serving in Europe during World War II. After the war he returned to Mars Hill and set up private practice. At first his offices were in the same building with the late Dr. Locke Robinson, but later he became associated with Dr. Ernie and Charles Powell in the Community Medical Center.

For nearly 30 years Dr. Duck has enjoyed a wide medical practice in Madison County and the surrounding area. One of the achievements in which he takes special pride is that he has delivered thousands of babies without a single maternal casualty.

In addition to his practice, Dr. Duck has been extremely active in various medical organizations. He has been a member of the American Medical Association for more than 30 years and is on the staffs of St. Joseph's, Memorial Mission and Aston Park hospitals in Asheville.

He is a charter member and Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians; he has been president of the Madison County Medical Society since 1951; and he is past president of the Tenth District Medical Society, which encompasses 14 Western North Carolina counties. He also is past first vice president of the state medical society.

Dr. Duck has also been a vigorous and effective community leader. He is a charter member of the Mars Hill Civitan Club, is a past recipient of the club's "Citizen of the Year" award and various other honors. He served a term on the Madison County Board of Education, is a deacon in the Mars Hill Baptist Church, and is currently serving his second term as a trustee of the college, having been vice chairman during 1973-74. Dr. Duck is married to the

former Betty McKinney of Pikeville, Ky.; and they have three children: Rosalind, who is married to Capt. Jerry Chostner, an Air Force dentist; Linda, who is married to Shorter College faculty member Rick Hyde; and Sigbee, a senior who will be graduated from Wake Forest University next week.

Mrs. Davis, the former Elma Leigh Farabow, served Mars Hill as a trustee in 1937-45. She is president of Davis Department Stores in Winston-Salem, which were founded by her late husband after he retired from the R. J. Reynolds Company.

Mrs. Davis was graduated from Mars Hill in 1916, attended Women's College at Greensboro and received a B. A. degree from the University of Texas at Austin.

Active in church affairs, Mrs. Davis was the first Junior-Intermediate Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention's Baptist Young People's Union in the Southeast. She and her late husband were among the founders of the Forbush Baptist Church in Yadkinville, where she is still very active, especially in the work of the Women's Missionary Union.

She is a member of the American Association of University, the Civic Music Club of Winston-Salem and the United Daughters of the Confederacy. She was included in a recent edition of "Who's Who in North Carolina."

She has served as trustee of the N. C. Baptist Hospital and Baptist Homes for the Aging, the Baptist Children's Homes and the Baptist Foundation. Mrs. Davis lives on the family's Beech Lake Farm in Yadkinville, where she maintains an active interest in cultural and civic affairs of the Winston-Salem area.



WALNUT ANTI-LITTER CAMPAIGN SUCCESSFUL - Shown above are the 1st and 2nd place winners of the poster contest for the anti-litter campaign sponsored by the Walnut Parent Teachers Association for the week of May 6-11th. They are front row L-R Lena Pack, daughter of Mrs. Buford Pack and the late Mr. Pack and Gina Plemmons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Plemmons and both are second grade students of Mrs. Helen Adams; second row, Sheila Franklin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lathern Franklin and Peggy Worley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Worley and both girls are 6th grade students of Mrs. Betty Bradley; third row, Todd McCormick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McCormick and an 8th grade student of Mrs. Juanita Boone and Anita Keller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keller and a 7th grade student of Mrs. Tressalee Ramsey. The judges were Mrs. S. C. Rudisill, Mrs. A. M. Ramsey and Mrs. Ed Niles. "I wish to thank everyone who assisted in any way to make this campaign a success," Mrs. Gwen Plemmons, president of the Walnut PTA stated this week.

### Clean-Up Campaign At Mars Hill On May 25

The Mars Hill Subcommittee of the Madison County Bicentennial Committee got off to a good start

### Attention Drivers

Drivers renewing their driving licenses on or after June 1, 1974, MUST bring the renewal card received from Raleigh to the local examiners.

Without card the examiners will be unable to issue license. Local examiners explained that if no card has been received for the driver go to the examiner's office before license expires and they will assist in securing a card.

on April 29. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Jeanne Hoffman, Chairman; Mrs. Wanda Hollifield, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Harriett Bucy, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Pauline Cheek, Corresponding Secretary; and Dr. Fred Holtkamp, Treasurer.

This group will work to implement locally the various Bicentennial projects. The areas which seem to need immediate attention are clean-up and beautification. Therefore, a Mars Hill area clean-up campaign is planned for Saturday, May 25. On this day everyone is urged to clean up around their own homes while certain organizations will give special attention to roadside clean-up. This enthusiastic committee also plans to encourage the

revival of the Mars Hill "Townlift" program and hopes to involve all landowners, merchants, civic, youth, church, and service organizations in specific beautification projects.

Those attending the organizational meeting were: Mr. Gordon Randolph, Mayor; Bill Powell, Mr. Manuel Briscoe, Dr. Fred Holtkamp, Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh English, Mr. Bill Brown, Mrs. Mary Ruth Roberts, Dr. Evelyn Underwood, Mrs. Doris Bentley, Mr. Bob Edwards, Mrs. Hoffman and Mrs. Hollifield.

### Jaycees Hold 2nd Meeting

### Last Week

The local Jaycees held their second regular meeting on Tuesday night of last week here with Gary Smith, president, presiding.

Among the visitors present were Dr. Edgerton, James W. president of the district, and Jimmie Clark, president of the county.

Patricia Plemmons spoke to the group about the current events and activities at the state level.

It was also announced that the next meeting will be held on June 10.

### Athletic Banquet In Asheville May 23

The Madison Patriot Athletic Banquet will be held at the Sheraton Motor Inn in Asheville on Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock, May 23. It was announced this week.

This will be the first year that the combined high schools have joined together in an athletic banquet resulting from the consolidation.

Coch Art Baker, head football coach at Furman University.

Master of ceremonies will be Dr. Larry Lignatt, of Asheville, Environmental Education Director by Madison County.

Numerous awards, trophies, letters and other recognition of athletes will be given at the banquet.



MORE THAN 100 MANAGERS of rural electric cooperatives from 30 states spent four days in the nation's capital last week conferring with government officials and rural electrification leaders on a wide range of problems affecting the future of their systems. Some of the sessions were held at the headquarters of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), where they met with Robert D. Patridge, executive vice president and general manager of the organization, which represents nearly 1,000 rural electric systems serving 25 million consumers in 46 states. Pictured above with Patridge from left are: Bernard F. Morton, Jr., Carteret-Craven EMC, Morehead City; Robert D. Patridge; John A. Darlington, French Broad EMC, Marshall; Edward D. Brown Jr., Albemarle EMC, Hertford. All are from North Carolina.

### Mars Hill Girl Scouts Hold Court of Awards

The Mars Hill Girl Scouts were honored at their annual Court of Awards on May 8 at the Calvary Baptist Church.

The flag ceremony was led by Edith Cheek with representatives from the Brownie and Junior Troops taking part. Mistress of Ceremonies was Vera Melvin.

Eleven Brownies "flew-up" to the Junior Troop, and twelve Juniors "bridged" to Cadettes. A special inducture ceremony was conducted by the Cadette Troop for four adult volunteers - Mrs. Carolyn Ammons, Neighborhood Chairman; Mrs. Edna Gilman and Mrs. Jean

Johnson, Brownie Leaders; and Mrs. Johanna Powell, Cadette Leader. A social time for girls and their families followed the ceremonies.

There are 75 active Girl Scouts in Mars Hill and 12 adults who work with them in their many and varied activities.