

Louisburg College In One Hundred Sixty-second Year

CHARTER GRANTED 1779

Survived Civil War and Reconstruction

Those who know only the present condition of Louisburg College cannot fully appreciate the blessing that it is and the struggle our predecessors have endured in order that we might use it. For this reason it is interesting to us to review the history of our college home.

The first charter of the college was enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina on January 6, 1778. The school was rechartered in 1802 and in 1805 it was actually reopened with Matthew Dickerson as president. Dickerson was a graduate of Yale and uncle of the famous Field brothers who laid the Atlantic Cable and figured in *All This and Heaven, Too*. The school of which he had charge was called Franklin Academy, and as far as is known, was for boys alone.

In 1813, however, a female department was added and a frame building was built. It is the chimney of this building which now stands as a marker on the south side of the campus and serves as a background for many of our snapshots. In 1816 Mr. John B. Bobbit took charge of the academy for boys, from that time located across the street, and a Miss Potridge from Boston took charge of the female seminary.

From this time onward Louisburg Female Seminary carried on its work of the finishing and refinement of young women. At its head in 1855 was Ashur H. Raye, an extremely scholarly gentleman who was not very practical, as this tale told by my grandmother indicates:

In illustrating the necessity of deep living to attain the better things of life, he said, "One has to go down deep to get the cream."

In 1856 the Louisburg College Stock Company, a group of citizens of Louisburg, was organized to finance a program of expansion. The administration building was erected that year and was a very imposing building for that early date.

Throughout the Civil War the college remained open, although it advised its prospective students to bring their own groceries because of the uncertainty of the market.

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Suggestion!

The first issue of COLUMNS was offered to you as your newspaper. You must have thought there was room for improvement. We did. If this issue is no better, remember that it lacks the suggestion and contribution that you might have made. We can't read your mind, but we'd like a chance to try to read your handwriting.

Also, we'd welcome your criticisms, favorable or adverse; and, if you'll jot them down on a slip of paper and drop them into the lower slot of the postoffice, COLUMNS may be better for your interest; and the staff will be grateful.



FIRST BUILDING
"Stand, Old College, Alma Mater,
Through the changing years abide."

Meetings Attended By Faculty Members

A meeting of the North Carolina Registrar's Association and of the North Carolina College Conference was held at the O. Henry Hotel in Greensboro the past week. Faculty members from Louisburg who attended were Dr. Patten, Mrs. Kilby, Mr. Taff, and Mr. and Mrs. Moon.

During this meeting some new regulations were announced which affect junior colleges. They are as follows: Woman's College of the University of North Carolina will no longer require science notebooks from transferring students. Also the Woman's College does not require advanced courses to be taken there before credit is allowed on the courses taken in junior colleges; instead, each student is given provisional credit for all his junior college work on condition that he will make a satisfactory record then at the end of the first semester. If the record is not satisfactory, the credit allowed from the junior college is cut.

Another statement as to scholastic rating for junior college transfer students was to the effect that all colleges of the state excepting Duke University and State College will admit transfer students with an average of C. Duke and State, however, accept only those students with each grade up to a C or above.

The conference had a dinner meeting Wednesday evening at which Mr. Ernest K. Lindley, Washington correspondent and associate editor of *Newsweek* gave a masterly address on our foreign policy.

SENIOR CLASS ELECTS OFFICERS

The senior class recently met to elect officers for the current year.

Interest in the election rose to a high peak as Miss Frances Terrell was chosen for the presidency, and acclaimed the first girl president of a senior class since the college became coeducational. Picked to aid Miss Terrell in her duties were Sarah Davis, vice president; Willis Gup-ton, secretary; Jimmy Wooters, treasurer.

Christian Service Club Reorganizes

The Christian Service Club has held several meetings this year and has general plans made for the semester.

At one of the early meetings the officers for the year were elected, as follows: president, Riley Rowe, Aberdeen; vice president, Ruth Braswell, Princeton; secretary, Juanita Cannon, Wilmington; pianist, Janie Ray Manning, Tarboro.

The purpose of the organization is to help to create and foster a religious spirit on the campus and in the surrounding community as well.

The standard set for members is a zealous Christian spirit and a willingness to render Christian service. The one rule is that no member shall ever say "I can't." Always the doors are open to those who wish a place in the group.

Byerly-Moon Program

The program of music presented in chapel recently by Mr. Byerly and Mr. Moon was a great success—the response which it elicited proved that the students enjoyed and appreciated it. Such programs are seldom presented in chapel, although the college has the facilities to present such music in the A Cappella Choir, the Voice Department, the Piano Department, and the instrumental students.

It seems to be a popular belief that students appreciate no type of music but that in the ultra-modern idiom. Several factors at Louisburg, however, show that this is not entirely true. There is the eagerness of many of the students to attend the concerts of the Raleigh Civic Music Association and our own concert series, as well as the appreciation which has been shown for this program. It is indeed to be wondered at that more of these programs have not been given before.

May this program by the Music Department be but the signal for more to follow by Mr. Moon and Mr. Byerly and others in the Music Department also.

UNUSUAL INTEREST IN STUDENT LEGISLATURE

"Mr. Speaker, I rise to point of order."

College boys and girls were learning to be legislators. They were at the North Carolina Capitol, attending the fifth annual Student Legislature, in session October 24 and 25. Taking a part in this legislature, was the delegation from Louisburg.

Legislating for Louisburg College in the Senate were Clarence Bass, Jean McKinnon, and Riley Rowe. In the House of Representatives were Jane Sanderlin, Troy Barrett, Virginia Hedgepeth, and Ed Smith.

In the Senate, Louisburg collaborated with Wake Forest College in presenting a bill calling for a state-wide referendum on the A.B.C. question. After Wake Forest had used the allotted time for introducing the bill, the opposition began to rain questions on the proponents of the bill. The most persistent question pertained to the fact that liquor was now being controlled. When Louisburg gained its allotted time, Senator McKinnon rose to her feet and began to very pointedly give figures which definitely proved that more whiskey was drunk under the reign of legalized liquor than in the same length of time before. Immediately after she was seated, Senator Bass rose and launched into his speech proving that there was no such thing as controlled liquor. At the end of this discourse, one of the Wake Forest men was heard to say, "Thank goodness, the day is saved." So successful were the maneuvering of these youthful legislators that the bill passed overwhelmingly despite much bitter opposition. The Louisburg delegation in the Senate also introduced and successfully maneuvered into passage two legislative bills, establishing an electric voting system and abolishing secret voting in committee meetings.

In the House of Representatives, Ed Smith introduced the electric voting bill. After Representative Barrett had seconded the bill, someone gained the floor and stated that the introducers of the bill did not provide for the finance of the bill. Before the retaliation could be made, the bill had been tabled. Later in the day Smith gained the floor, stated the means of finances for the bill, and took his seat. Nothing happened (House rules prohibits the one introducing the bill to bring it off the floor). Still undaunted, Smith introduced the evidence again. This time Campbell College brought the bill off the floor and it passed without opposition.

Outstanding features of passage in the legislature were the repealing of the neutrality act (beating the national congress by two weeks), calling for the resignation of Senator Reynolds, declaring an ultimatum upon Japan, a five-point defense policy, and a long term aggressive policy.

Three Louisburg legislators were elected to office in the legislature: Jean McKinnon and Virginia Hedgepeth, timekeepers in the respective chambers, and Clarence Bass, floor leader for the democratic party.

HALLOWE'EN OBSERVED IN MANY EVENTS

The students enjoyed the recent Hallowe'en season by wholeheartedly entering into various Hallowe'en affairs and events. No helter-skelter pranks were played, but the occasion was celebrated by three parties in which the school participated, and a seasonal spirit prevailed on the campus.

On Tuesday evening the Alpha Pi Epsilon entertained the Phi Theta Kappa and the faculty of the Commercial Department at a Hallowe'en party. Some of the events were bobbing for apples, making words out of the word *Hallowe'en*, and the telling of a gruesomely "illustrated" ghost story, by Mrs. Kilby, sponsor of Alpha Pi Epsilon.

On Wednesday evening the I.R.C. held its biweekly meeting as a Hallowe'en party to which all the members and their guests came in typical Hallowe'en garb—mask included. Members of the faculty were appointed as judges of costumes, and prizes were presented to Maxine Alford for having the cutest costume and to Mr. G. E. Badatas for having the craziest costume. Events of interest were bobbing for apples, going fishing, a word spelling contest, and fortunes, told by Miss Helen Smith-wich of Louisburg. The fun and enjoyment of the evening ended with the serving of refreshments and the singing in true Louisburg College spirit of the Alma Mater.

On Friday evening students of the college participated in the carnival given by the Methodist women in the armory by helping with various booths and exhibits. One of the main features of the occasion was a real fortune teller who disclosed many secrets to eager ears of youth. A well executed floor show consisting of athletic exercises and stunts was presented by girls of the college physical education department. The evening fun closed with a combination grand march and cake walk to which all costumed guests were invited.

Hallowe'en events and the spirit of the season made a welcome break in the routine of academic work. Social good times in companionship with fellow students, faculty, and town people made this year's Hallowe'en occasion an unusually enjoyable one for the campus folk.

Did You Know That . . .

Louisburg College is now the only college completely owned and sponsored by the North Carolina (Methodist) Conference?

The institution has existed under the following names: Franklin Academy, Louisburg Female Seminary, Louisburg College, Louisburg College?

General O. O. Howard, a Northern general, was quartered on the campus with soldiers during a period of the War Between the States?

Wright Dormitory in which the college boys now reside was erected to aid "worthy girls"? A full-length movie of Louisburg College was filmed in 1921?