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Tomlinson Speaks For WSSF

The second highlight appeal for WSSF was sponsored by the YMCA and the YWCA May 9. The principal speaker was the Rev. A. S. Tomlinson.

The program opened with a call to youth, read back-stage by Mildred Boney. The audience sang "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life." Abner Askew read Scripture selections on responsibility to God for others. Miss Foster sang backstage "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind." John Parrish, student veteran, told of two everyday examples he had observed of hunger and lack of care in Europe. "French people beg for scraps of food," he said. The other example was of a French girl who went to be examined by U. S. Army medical officers, and who, though found to have tuberculosis of the bone, could not enter the full hospital but had to leave uncared for. Barbara Howard read the poem, "The Agony of God."

Mr. Tomlinson, former chaplain and now Baptist pastor at Louisburg, quoted from the Bible, "We that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak." He told of some of his experiences in college with students from other countries who were studying so as to go back to their native lands and help their people. He spoke too of students he found in France that were cold and hungry. Universities are destroyed, students' supplies are limited. These conditions remain even though the war is ended. People of other nations are seeking the friendship of Americans. "We must carry something of the spirit of Americans to these people if we want everlasting peace," declared Mr. Tomlinson. "We need the privilege of sharing American generosity. We need to keep our strength strong in service to Jesus Christ." He also set forth the idea of contribution through prayer. The service was concluded with prayer by Mr. Tomlinson.

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Students Awarded for Essays

Betty Cash, Katie Blanton, and Frances Davis have recently been awarded \$10 each for their contest essays entitled "Louisburg College and the Methodist Church." Betty Cash's paper appeared in the Greensboro Christian Advocate. The papers were written as a part of the Methodist Colleges Advance and were judged by Dr. H. E. Spence, Professor of Religious Education, Duke University Divinity School; Rev. J. G. Phillips, Secretary, Board of Education, North Carolina Conference; and the Rev. Carl H. King, Secretary, Board of Education, Western North Carolina Conference.

GREETINGS TO Y PRESIDENTS

To the newly elected presidents of the YMCA and the YWCA, COLUMNS extends congratulations; and to the outgoing officers, appreciation of every worthy effort in the religious life of the college. The higher level of campus life their religious interest and support have helped to make possible. To the new officers let us pledge our loyalty and support, not merely for the cooperation they deserve personally, but even more for the higher and enduring values of the phase of life they represent.

Council, Cabinet Officers Elected



CARLTON BLACKMAN
YMCA President

FRANCES DAVIS
YWCA President

HORACE PETTY
Men's S.G.A. President

BETTY THIGPEN
Women's S.G.A. President

Gabriel Presents Piano Concert

Bernard Gabriel, young pianist of New York City, gave his "profile of music" in a concert in the college auditorium, May 6.

He first mentioned the different powers of music, explaining them by five or six short ballads from the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. Then he played a part of a "Sonata" from Maynd and Mozart's, "Ronda." In conclusion he did "The Ritual Fire Dance" by De Fala and "Polonaise" in A-flat, by Chopin.

As encores he played two of his own compositions, "The Dance of the Molecules," and "The Atom."

The audience response was notably enthusiastic as witnessed by the quiet attention during numbers, hearty applause after numbers, and the eager call for encores later. Also appreciation was expressed of the informal manner of the artist and his happy skill in making music as an art seen within the range of the musically untrained as well as the trained and the gifted.

Mr. Gabriel's comments revealed a wide background of musical knowledge as well as a wide acquaintance with art and life in general.

The artist was born in Denver and has studied in New York City and at the Julliard.

Alpha Pi Has Home-Coming Banquet

The Lambda chapter of Alpha Pi Epsilon, national secretarial fraternity at Louisburg College, held its annual home-coming banquet at the Agriculture Building on Saturday evening, May 4.

Ida Lee White, Hertford, president, gave a welcome and toast to the returning members, after which Mrs. Alice Cahill Stallings, Winston-Salem, responded to the welcome. Mr. Isaac Reynolds, Columbia, told of his army experiences. Professor I. D. Moon furnished vocal music, accompanied by Ida Liskey, Elizabeth City.

The highlight of the banquet was the presentation of \$225 to Dr. Walter Patten. This amount completed the \$500 scholarship fund goal which was set by the club three years ago. Miss Nellie Scott Featherston, Roxboro, presented the check to President Patten. A playlet entitled "Vivian Gets a Promotion" was presented by Barbara Howard, Bobbie Alston, Mary Frances Taylor, Emily Taylor, Carolyn Wehrenberg, and Mary Ruth Clark. Joe Newsom, Littleton, discussed plans for next year's projects, after which Mrs. Kilby, sponsor of the club, told of the year's activities. The banquet was brought to a close with the singing of the Alpha Pi Epsilon song.

"Girl-Shy" Presented by Dramatic Club

"Girl-Shy," a comedy in three acts, was presented by the Louisburg College Players in the college auditorium May 3.

Characters were "Tom Arsdale," girl-shy, George Exum; "Oke Stimson," exactly opposite, Linwood Sherlock; "Barbara Sanford," desirous of Tom's affection, Ann Johnson; "Caroline," Tom's aunt, Gwen Hurley; "Anthony Arsdale," Tom's father, Ben Massenburg; "Birdie Laverne," longing for a movie career, Joyce Johnson; "Peaches Carter," Oke's present flame, Rachel Haithcock; "Sylvia Webster," Tom's future wife according to his father, Joam Simmons; "Asma," a wash lady, Frances Hedden; "Alfred Tennyson Murgatoyd," the college poet, Bill Bonham; "Chuck Mayo," determined to get his girl, Horace Petty; and "Marlowe," dean of the college, Scott Gardner.

Disliking Sylvia and afraid of Barbara, Tom is willing to pretend love for his house cleaner in order to escape the marriage to Sylvia, which his father has planned. The supposed maid proves to be none other than the wonderful Barbara, and Tom's father is reconciled to the marriage. Meantime Sylvia has found consolation in the love of the class poet. Also the rift between Chuck and Birdie, the real house cleaner, is adjusted and they are lovers again. Aunt Caroline finds romance with Dean Marlowe. Asma is almost a principal in the play, with her frequent insistence that she is a wash lady, not a house cleaner.

The actors deserve congratulations on their performance, for they won hearty applause from their audience and, later, appreciative expressions of the interpretation of parts.

Mr. Carmichael directed the play, and Rachel Haithcock was student assistant.

Oh! What a Beautiful Day

"Oh, what a beautiful morning, oh, what a beautiful day!" Yes, May 4 was a lovely day—for a tragedy! Rainy, cold, dreary—what an inspiration it would have been for Edgar Allen Poe! It would be hard to tell which drooped more, the students' faces or the girls' lovely locks.

Is it any wonder that we couldn't keep our mind's on our classes? That our eyes kept wandering toward the window? We searched in vain for just a wee sunbeam to come fighting through those thick clouds.

Should we put it off until the next week end, or should we attempt it then? That was the important question. After much debating, we decided to have it in the armory. How could it come off on such short notice? Everyone rushed to the armory. The May Pole was nailed up—dunghared girls went through their dances—the stage was decorated with trailing roses and pine trees. Things began to straighten themselves out.

At four the crowd began to trickle in; and, as minutes went by, it became a gush. Now it was time for the big event!

The rain outside added effect to the grief of the mourner's dance; but, while the bunny rabbits hopped around, they were unaware of the falling rain. The dance of the May Pole created such beauty that the gloom outside was forgotten. Pluto found the dismalness of the afternoon quite to his liking, while the messenger that later came forth announced the coming of a Queen whose radiance no rain could cloud.

After seeing the Queen and her court in all their beauty—and events went off beautifully—we must say—rain or no rain—it was quite a lovely day!

State YWCA Conference Attended

The North Carolina College YWCA Conference, held at Durham, April 27, drew thirteen women students from Louisburg College.

The subject for the day's sessions was "Building for the Atomic Age." Mrs. Kay Ferrell, executive director, YWCA, University of North Carolina, first speaker on the panel discussion, spoke on "Building Our Personal Lives." Highlights of her message included "We are fortunate in how deep we may drink personally from the Christian depth. . . . To stop growing is to begin to die," and the statement that nothing can excel one's knowing that an experience works. . . . that Christian faith is a continuous goal, a challenge.

Dr. Turner spoke on "Building Our Nation," declaring "Moral law should govern nations." He emphasized throughout that "an act should not be done unless we will that the principle of that act becomes a universal principle."

Miss Nelle Morton, executive secretary, Fellowship of Southern Churchmen, closed the panel with "Building Our World." She stressed the individual responsibility in tomorrow's fulfillment as urgent. A real belief in God," she said, "will lead us to a desire to participate in any way with groups and efforts for world organization through which justice and mercy may reign."

The afternoon session included a WSSF appeal and a listing of manifold summer opportunities open to any students interested.

Helen Thigpen represented the Highland Lake 1945 Summer Conference Group, led by Miss Irene Harris, of the YWCA National Board, and reported suggestions made for another Y-year.

Horace Petty, Pittsboro, and Betty Thigpen, Edenton, have been elected presidents of the Men's and of the Women's Student Government Associations for the year 1946-47.

Women's Student Government officers elected for the beginning year are the following: president, Betty Thigpen, who succeeds Marjorie Currin; vice president, Flora Temple Lilley, Plymouth, who succeeds Jean Kanoy; secretary, Margaret Bynum, Farmville, who succeeds Mary Margaret Clegg; and treasurer, Billie Meggs, Elizabeth City, who succeeds Janice Trebuchon.

Men's Student Government officers elected are the following: president, Horace Petty who succeeds Robert Mercer; vice president, Carlton Blackman, Garland who succeeds Joe Davenport; secretary and treasurer, Bill Bonham, Rose Hill, who succeeds Abner Askew; and Bill Bonham who was re-elected.

The newly elected officers were installed at chapel hour, May 10. Both old and new members of the governments were on the stage, with Robert Mercer presiding. "Faith of Our Fathers" was sung by all. A Scripture passage (I Corinthians 13) was read by Robert Mercer. The new officers of the Men's Student Government received the pledge of office from Robert Mercer and Petty, the new president, spoke briefly. The new officers of the Women's Student Government received the pledge from the respective retiring officers. Marjorie Currin spoke briefly in appreciation of the cooperation given her during her term of office, and Betty Thigpen spoke words in acceptance of the presidency. Dr. Patten stressed the importance of student government and urged a sense of responsibility in campus life generally. The service closed with the singing of "Alma Mater."

YMCA and YWCA President Elected

Francis Davis, Carthage, has been elected president of the YWCA to succeed Barbara Howard. Vice president for the coming year is Gwen Hurley, Plymouth, succeeding Hazel Stephenson.

Carlton Blackman, Garland, has been elected president of the YMCA to succeed Abner Askew.

Year's Work Reviewed

The major work of the Y's the current year has included the campus programs of religious services on two to four scheduled week-day evenings monthly; sponsorship of the morning watch each day except Sunday; the expenditure of an approximate hundred dollars for helping send student representatives to conferences, such as the national quadrennial Methodist student conference at the University.

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GREETINGS TO COUNCIL

To the newly elected presidents and members of the Men's and of the Women's Student Government, COLUMNS extends congratulations; and to the outgoing officers, appreciation of every fine effort and accomplishment of theirs in tasks that exacted their very best. To the new officers let us pledge our sincere loyalty and support and thus help to insure for the coming year a small spot in our world that we would not regret to be a model for living in far larger areas.