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Christmas Activities Take Over Louisburg Campus

President Holton Given Dinner

A Thanksgiving dinner was given by the Louisburg College faculty in honor of President Samuel Holton in the Home Economics room Nov. 24. The invocation was by Mr. Bowers. Mr. Moon spoke words of welcome. Miss Stipe gave a toast to President Holton. The president responded with words of appreciation.

"Literary Glimpses of a College President," were presented from English and American literature in three episodes. Mrs. Betty Tarpey, Miss Merritt, and Mrs. Bartholomew read these selections.

The Louisburg sextet under the direction of Miss Foster sang the college songs of Duke University and the University of North Carolina. Before disbanding everyone joined in singing "Alma Mater."

Rabbi Speaks on Ten Commandments

Rabbi Tolochko of Temple Israel, Kinston, discussed and explained the Ten Commandments at chapel hour on Dec. 5.

"How easy it is to destroy; how difficult it is to build!" began Rabbi Tolochko. He discussed and illustrated each of the Ten Commandments. Also pointed out that pictures taken by a photographer may be retouched, but in the studio of God, a man's soul after death cannot be retouched.

The Rabbi employed frequent illustration and humor, with repeated audience response.

The speaker was introduced by Carl Strickland, whose words were briefly made the object of the speaker's humor.

After his talk the speaker was invited by Mr. Moon to visit his psychology class. The Rabbi spoke of his internship in a German Prison Camp and of his experiences in many foreign countries.

Worthington's Poem Accepted for National Anthology

Hilary Worthington's poem "I'll Hold You," has been accepted for publication in the Anthology of College Poetry, published annually as a result of the national poetry contest, for college students.

The anthology is a compilation of the finest poetry written by the college men and women of America, representing every state in the Union. Selections were made from thousands of poems submitted.

Merry Christmas

Once again college students are beginning to look around to see what ol' St. Nicholas is going to leave them for Christmas. Most students maintain that the two weeks' period away from classes is the best present Santa Claus can give them. To this view COLUMNS gives out with a great big "Hurrah"—hoping, too, that each student will remember "a safe Christmas is the best Christmas ever."

With the pleasing tunes of Christmas carols filling the air, COLUMNS wishes all a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR. May the playing of "Jingle Bells" bring merriment into hearts everywhere.



Carol Singers and reader for Y Christmas Program. Left to right: singers, Eleanor Ellington, Bill Sanders, Olivia Martin, Richard Cole, Eleanor King, and reader of "Why the Chimes Rang," Grace Hammond. Hardy Mills, Photographer.

President Holton Speaks to Staff

President Holton spoke to the staff of COLUMNS on newspaper work at the regular meeting Wednesday morning, Nov. 12. He began with an item that humorously emphasized the need for clarity and taste in writing. President Holton mentioned briefly his experience in newspaper work of past years, citing his experience as a reporter for the Durham Sun, as correspondent for the Greensboro Daily News, the News and Observer and the Associated Press; also his position for a number of years as adviser of the Rotunda, newspaper of Virginia State Teacher's College.

Mr. Holton pointed out ways by which COLUMNS might work toward improvement. He favored the inclusion of more humor, affirming, however, that the preferred method was not a gossip column, which had dubious value and should, if chosen, be used only sparingly; he emphasized the interesting and varied possibilities of feature stories for humor, mentioning that everyday situations and incidents furnished wide choice of subject matter. The President mentioned the desirability of more news of future events but admitted the difficulty for a monthly newspaper like COLUMNS and complimented COLUMNS for news stories being rather well written. The suggestions as to layout were that the heads of stories form a diagonal pattern as he cited having been rather well achieved in the October issue. At the close Mr. Holton invited the staff to ask questions and discuss newspaper problems. Several students responded to this opportunity.

Senior Superlatives Elected

Senior superlatives for the 1947-48 annual have been elected as follows: Richard Cole and Helen Ayscue most versatile; Oliver Howell and Grace Hayes, most conscientious; David Whitaker and Hulda Lineberry, most athletic. These were selected by a senior-class se-

'Peter Beware' Scores Dramatic Success

The curtain went up on the eagerly awaited production *Peter Beware* before a large audience in the auditorium Tuesday evening, December 9. Sponsored by the Dramatic Club, *Peter Beware*, a comedy in three acts was a gala performance deserving the praise it received from appreciative spectators. The entire cast, though amateurs, capably performed their roles and are to be congratulated upon their fine performance. A tribute may fittingly be accorded the cast and the director, Mrs. Tarpey.

Peter Beware was the first campus play of the current season; and its success phenomenal, is yet a "feather in the cap" of Louisburg College.

Between acts numerous monologues of various content types were given by the following: Gilbert Watkins, John Amick, Carl Strickland, Elmer Best, Olivia Martin.

Delta Psi Omega Charter Signed

Delta Psi Omega Charter for the local college chapter was signed by the charter members at a brief informal social following the play "Peter Beware" December 9. Mrs. Tarpey was sponsor for the occasion. Those signing were: George Laws, director; Russell Wilcox, sub-director; Helen Ayscue, secretary-treasurer; Bill Sanders, Bill Hair, Hulda Lineberry, Bill Melson, Charles Carty and Richard Cole.

During the brief social hour there was dancing. Punch and cookies were served.

cret ballot Monday, December 1. Nominations had been made from the floor on the Wednesday preceding, at a meeting of the senior class.

Hobgood Gives Message On 'Peace of Mind'

Mr. Hamilton Hodgood, lawyer, and Methodist layman, and teacher of the College Bible class at the church each Sunday, cited the need of peace of mind in our world in chapel Dec. 2. His message was taken from Joshua L. Liebman's *Peace of Mind*.

"The world is groping for peace; the nations are seeking peace . . . There will never be peace on this earth until man develops peace in his own soul," the speaker affirmed.

He emphasized the ways of attempting needed control of the complex machine the body: "We cannot control our bodies by drinking alcoholic beverages or by strenuous physical excitement. We can control our bodies by seeking religious insight," he declared.

He told the story of an American soldier who proved his faith in God by prayer. The speaker added: "You can have the same kind of faith this soldier had. You must conquer the forces of evil within you and replace them by forces of love and tolerance. If you, as students of L. C., gain peace of mind, it will spread."

Council Oath Given Members

The Men's Student Council oath was taken by five members at the chapel program Dec. 9. William Melson, president, administered the oath to Clinton Smithdeal, secretary-treasurer; John Amick, Dick Cannady, Hilary Worthington, junior representatives; and David Whitaker, senior representative.

After dismissal of all but the men students, President Holton spoke briefly on outstanding campus problems and the proposed solutions. Dick Cannady briefly set forth the new Council election procedure.

Copies of the newly-adopted constitution were given each man student.

Story and Coffee Hour

"The Other Wise Man," by Henry Van Dyke, was read by Mrs. Tarpey in the auditorium, followed by a coffee hour, December 13. The reading was in keeping with the local campus custom of a Christmas story-reading time.

Miss Foster sang Yon's "Jesu Bambino" and Schubert's "Ave Maria."

At the social coffee hour after, students and faculty joined informally as they were served coffee and doughnuts.

Mrs. Schers and Mrs. Moon poured coffee, and students of both the Men and the Women's Student Councils served doughnuts.

The setting for the coffee hour was created with seasonal decorations of cedar branches touched with snow effects, with an array of lighted red and white candles.

Veterans' Club Seasonal Dance

The Louisburg College Veterans' Club gave their annual Christmas dance in the armory of the town of Louisburg on December 17. The music was provided by the Duke Ambassadors, noted as one of the most popular college bands in the South and composed of 17 pieces and two vocalists. Entertainment was from about 9 in the evening until 12 midnight.

This semi-formal dance began with a short welcome by Hardy Mills, the club president. During the intermission punch was served by Bobby Davis and his assistants.

Christmas Gifts to Needy From Y

The Social Service Committee of the YMCA and YWCA played Santa Claus to several needy children in Franklin County, with gifts and money collected at the chapel hour December 16. Students were asked for contributions of canned food, conservative toys and money to purchase fruit and clothing. These gifts were taken to the welfare board and a social service worker, who was to take them to the parents of the children on Christmas Eve.

The Y Christmas Program

"Why the Chimes Rang," by Alden, was read by Grace Hammond at a Y worship program the evening of December 11. Carl Strickland spoke on "What Christmas Means to Me." Don Wilson read a Christmas Scripture passage and offered a prayer. The college sextette sang three numbers: "O Come All Ye Faithful," "We Three Kings," and "Silent Night."

The program was given against a panel background of pictured angel figures and large gold bell cut-outs, angels and bells being set against the panel of soft draped blue.

Christmas Caroling

A group of college carolers made a pilgrimage through Louisburg Sunday night, Dec. 14, singing in front of many homes, pausing especially at homes of shut-ins. Miss Foster was director of the group.

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