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RAISE AND
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Rev. Fred R. Pfisterer Brings Religious Emphasis Messages

Profs Establish Rare Record



(Henry Starling, Photographer)
Dr. Thomas C. Amick
Head, Department of Mathematics

"What have those people down at *Columns* got against me?" were Dr. Amick's words when approached for an interview.

The Good Doctor, as he is fondly referred to around the campus, was enjoying his favorite hobby—reading. He reads much and widely, in fact, the books in his office would be a considerable supplement for the College library. Traveling in the mountains ranked second on the list of favorite pastimes he mentioned but this form of recreation he had to give up because of the strain of mountain climbing.

Academically the doctor has an extended record: he has attended Mount Pleasant Academy, the University of North Carolina, Peabody College, the University of Virginia and the University of Chicago. He obtained his degrees of bachelor of arts and master of arts degrees at Carolina and his degree of doctor of philosophy at Central College.

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Dynamics of Pfisterer Messages

"We need Christianity in a day in which most people have forgotten how to live . . . We have condemned Christianity without knowing why . . . We refuse to believe that God can enrich every area of life . . . A man has . . . to be changed when he meets God . . . I have given up something since I met God; but, oh, how much more He has given . . . This is why I have asked you to be Christian: because it is the must of life . . . Because of the very structure of things we become alive only as we become disciplined to God's way for living . . . People will forget what you say, but they will not forget what you are . . . We may hide our talents but we cannot hide our lives . . . Does your gospel consist of good news or good views? . . . Are you one of those who sell themselves short for the approval of others? . . . Bravery is not born in a moment of time but springs from the heart and character of a man . . . The world needs your hand, your heart, your talent, your ability if you are willing to give them to Christ . . . I suppose it would surprise a lot of us to find out how really fine we are underneath . . . Hand Him your lust, and let Him give you His purity; hand Him your limitations, and let Him give you His wholeness; hand Him yourself, and let Him give you Himself."



(Henry Starling, Photographer)
Dr. Edgar Eugene Randolph
Head, Department of Science

Observing Dr. Randolph gives an insight into what fine human nature is actually composed of: simplicity, humility, and understanding. His dry wit and kindly humor never fail to bring a smile or laugh and to relieve the endless procession of chemical equations. If he arrives in from Raleigh late for chemistry class, he expresses his regret and explains that the fault is, after all, not his but the bus company's.

There are, too, his dryly witty references to how hard his chemistry teacher used to be, and how little the students learned. There was the day a couple chattered gaily by his classroom: quietly closing the door, he remarked calmly that it was nice for boys and girls to be together. "But I don't think you'll find it in a chemistry book." Of exam papers he may be heard to say, "The thing you see written on this paper isn't exactly right, and it isn't exactly wrong, but I can't count it right."

His broad humor seems never failing: that he understands the mental capacity of the average college student is evident, for instance, from what in effect he once said of a new chemistry book: "Boys, this is a good chemistry book—in fact, I would say that a fellow with three years of physics

RALEIGH STUDENTS GIVE PROGRAMS

Four students from the State School for the Blind presented a musical program at the chapel hour Jan. 19. The students played piano, flute, and clarinet numbers; and two sang vocal solos. The audience sat unusually quiet as these blind students sang and played. After each number there was an enthusiastic applause, which brought smiles to the performers' faces.

The visiting young artists were introduced by their music instructors. At the end of the program Mr. T. E. Stough, superintendent of the school, made a brief talk about the institution. He mentioned that always there were more boys than girls enrolled since boys, having more accidents than girls, are more often the victims of impaired eyesight. Also Superintendent Stough gave varied facts about the life of blind students: that at the State School they pursued the usual high-school courses and later often entered outstanding colleges and universities. They swim, skate, and ride bicycles and in general lead a normal life.

Honor Roll

Rk.	Stdg.	Student
1	3.00	Evans, Ina Meekins, (Mrs.)
1	3.00	Melson, William H., Jr.
1	3.00	Sanders, J. W., Jr.
2	2.81	Hunter, Clyde A., Jr.
2	2.81	Midgett, Dorothy
2	2.81	Stewart, Milton Graham
3	2.75	Spivey, Fenner N.
4	2.62	Fore, Edwin Louis
5	2.60	Liverman, John Henry, Jr.
6	2.58	Brown, Peggy Anne
7	2.53	Farnell, Aaron Hurst
7	2.53	Holt, Worth Seymour
8	2.52	Dawson, Rosemary
9	2.50	Boone, Edith Gray
Honorable Mention		
10	2.46	Wilson, Ray Chandler
11	2.45	Ballance, George Ray
12	2.43	Jones, Anne Wiggins
13	2.37	Edwards, Lena Mae
13	2.37	Parkin, Clarence
13	2.37	Parkin, James
14	2.33	Bass, Walton Needham
15	2.31	Vester, Hassel Lee
16	2.28	Fransi, Orlando
16	2.28	Garrett, Martin
17	2.25	Rogers, Earl Stanley
18	2.18	Evans, Burwell Atkinson
18	2.18	Fournier, James A.
18	2.18	Mace, Zelma
19	2.17	Harris, Thomas Harton, Jr.
20	2.15	Caviness, Calvin Garfield
21	2.12	Davis, Bobby
22	2.11	Chandler, Ruth
22	2.11	Hayes, Grace Wilson
23	2.07	Smith, Roslyn Joyce
24	2.05	Woods, June Duncan
25	2.00	Bonner, Earl Wayne
25	2.00	Bramell, Willard
25	2.00	Etheridge, Rudolph Edward
25	2.00	Gravely, John O. W.
25	2.00	McPhail, Thomas E.
25	2.00	Parvin, Charles Robert
25	2.00	Stallings, John Harold
25	2.00	Veasey, Jasper R.

Amick, Craig Attend Cleveland Conference

"On to Cleveland, On to Cleveland. We're ten thousand strong. Work and plan and play and live. To find where we belong. Go Forward! On to Cleveland. On to Cleveland. Future leaders we. Learning the Christ-like way to victory."

This was the song that arose from 500 delegates from North Carolina, including two Louisville representatives, John Amick and Curtis Craig, as they arrived in Cleveland, Ohio, for four days of work and fellowship at the Cleveland Methodist Youth Conference. These delegates united with 9,500 others, representing the 48 states and 21 foreign countries. The theme of this conference was "Christ Above All." The main thought was brotherhood.

The programs included talks by conference leader Hoover Rupert. E. Stanley Jones, delegates from the Oslo Conference, and a concert by the Negro tenor, Roland Hayes. On New Year's Eve a Watch Night service was held. Local groups assembled all over the nation joined the conference delegates in prayer for World Peace and in communion services. Besides the main programs, each delegate had a full schedule of interest groups, including Council of Bishops, exhibits, The Methodist Youth Fund in Action, The Conference Theater, Folk Games and Recreation.

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(Henry Starling, Photographer)
Rev. Fred R. Pfisterer
Speaker for Religious Emphasis

Valentine Party Sponsored By Women's Council

A Valentine party, sponsored by the Women's Student Council, was given in Main Social Hall Feb. 14.

Julian Priest and Sarah Jernigan, previously chosen King and Queen of Hearts by penny votes, were presented the royal scepter.

Bill Sanders was master of ceremony for the floor show. Jean Chandler, Olivia Martin and June Woods sang "I Love You Truly," Dick Canady and Bill Hair gave a mock boxing match, Frances Goldston did a tap dance, Miss Foster accompanying at the piano; Ina Meekins Evans sang "As Years Go By," after which she and Bill Sanders sang "These Foolish Things;" Charles Skinner, Bobby Greene and Bill White gave a black-face comedy scene; Bill Sanders sang "Golden Earrings," Evelyn Blake, Daphne Bryan, Dick Canady and Bill Hair performed as a dance team; Skinner and his boys appeared again upon request.

A dance hour followed. Punch, cookies and candy hearts were served later.

The color scheme of red and white was used throughout the social hall. A huge red heart was the background for the floor show and cupid designs surrounded the royal throne.

VESTER ELECTED IRC PRESIDENT

Hassel L. Vester was elected president of the International Relations Club Feb. 11. The other officers elected were Hilary Worthington, vice-president; Helen Ayscue, secretary; Sam Guthrie, treasurer. The club plans to send two representatives to the forthcoming state meet at Chapel Hill.

Presents Theme Christianity As Life

The Rev. Fred R. Pfisterer, pastor of the Methodist Church at Haw River, was speaker for Religious Emphasis Week, Feb. 2-6. "Christianity as Life" was the main theme of his talks for the week.

Mr. Pfisterer has worked with young people in various capacities. He is now the district youth director of the Durham District of Methodist Young People's Work. He was born in New Jersey and reared in Kentucky. He has his A.B. degree from Kentucky Wesleyan and his B.D. from Duke School of Divinity.

What Is Christianity?

"What Is Christianity?" was the topic of the first message by Mr. Pfisterer, Monday evening, Feb. 2. "Regardless of how long we live we are dead until we realize religion in life," he affirmed. "People are searching for life, some seeking it through a fling, others through hardening themselves. If they only knew what Christianity was all about, people would accept it. Jesus' primary purpose was to bring life a rich and abundant life. For those who want life, Christ is saying, 'Put your mind with my life, your hand into my hand, your feet with my feet, your being with my being.' Christianity is life!" concluded the speaker.

Christianity Is Life

"I have experienced that Christianity gives life," declared Mr. Pfisterer Tuesday morning, Feb. 3, adding that religious problems arise typically not from intellectual or moral causes, but from people's not having tried real religion. He further stated, "We have come to condemn Christ and Christianity without giving them a chance." He pointed out that most people think religion would rob them of their friends; therefore they are afraid to allow God to enter their lives. He confessed his own inadequate life before he accepted Christ in his life, and testified to the profound change that acceptance has meant to him.

Living in the Higher Realm

Our lives do not belong to ourselves, for we did not create them, was Mr. Pfisterer's emphasis Tuesday evening. "Life with all that life makes belongs to another. Life belongs to God or the Devil; there is no in between," Mr. Pfisterer declared.

There are great opportunities to do great things. "The greatest things in life are yet to be done. We can serve ourselves or others, life or death. If you will choose service, you will know what living in a greater realm means," he asserted.

In the parable of the good Samaritan the robbers thought of life in terms of what they could take and not what they could give. The robbers did evil for a price; the innkeeper did good for a price. Neither way is the Christian way.

Christianity a Heroic Faith

"Do we have nothing to do with Christianity because we care more for the approval of our friends than for the approval of God?"

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LET US AWAKE AND GROW

Religious Emphasis Week is a spark that re-awakens us to the fact that we are but mortals that must look to God and prayer in order to gather strength to live a clean and holy life.

Religious Activities for All

Students at Louisville College have for some time apparently overlooked the fact that religious activities of the college are for everyone of us. Instead of a cross-sectional view the meetings have revolved around and depended on a repeated few. It is hoped that we are on the brink of what may be referred to as a definite change for the better.

The world is made up of liberals and conservatives. The liberals' ideas and practices are sometimes frowned upon, though basically one group may be as religious as the other. In recognition of this fact plans

are being made to interest both classes. Movies, talks, and informal discussions are being planned. Ideas for these meetings were submitted by students from different academic and social groups. Results of a recent poll from a number of students tended to show that students who had heretofore not shown interest or taken part in the activities turned in some of the best ideas.

With Religious Emphasis Week here, the hope of the religious leaders is for better attendance and for more participation. The success of campus religious activities is at stake.