

Society Halls Put In Good Condition

Preparations for Society Day this year took the form of a general clean-up and repair week for the two society halls.

The Lucalian Society started the ball rolling by having their curtains taken down, cleaned, and renovated. One thing led to another until finally a number of the members went to work with water, cleaning fluid, and willing hearts, and gave the walls a thorough cleaning. After this work had been finished, and the floors had been waxed and polished, the society, for a finishing touch, added a new shade for the floor lamp. The Lucalian Hall then stood in shining radiance for the days of days.

Owing to its location and to the fact that it is not often used, the Alathenian Hall was in better condition than the Lucalian, and therefore did not require so much repair. However, the necessary cleaning and polishing was done to make it stand in favorable comparison with the hall of the sister society.

Winnie Rickett Conducts Course

The annual B. Y. P. U. study course for Chowan College, directed by Miss Winnie Rickett, State B. T. U. secretary, was conducted March 18-21. The Tuesday night discussion was followed by a social in honor of Miss Rickett.

The talks given by Miss Rickett were enjoyable as well as profitable. Her explanations showed that she was well acquainted with the material. Her own personality

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and her method of presentation aided her in making her lectures successful.

The book for discussion was "Christian Leadership", by Mary Frances Johnson Preston. It discusses in a simple, comprehensible manner the physical and mental qualities which characterize a true Christian leader.

The attendance was good during the entire study course. A larger majority of the students attended each lecture and took the final examination. The greater part of those who do not attend were not enrolled in either of the B. Y. P. U. groups.

As a rule, two study courses are offered each year, and the students have a choice as to which they will take, but only one course was given this year. There was also a reduction in the usual number of visiting workers who conduct the course, as Miss Rickett was the only director during the entire week.

The social following the Tuesday night discussion was carried out in an appropriate Saint Patrick idea with Martha Yates Seymour as head of the entertainment. After games, such as a "Pat Contest" and an "Irish Gathering", were played, refreshments were served and readings were given by Maxine Fillyaw and Miss Rickett.

CHOWAN STUDENTS GO TO SEABOARD

Four students of the Fine Arts Department of Chowan College took part in a program given at the Seaboard High School February 27, for the benefit of the Seaboard Parent-Teachers Association.

The program was under the direction of Miss Betty Walter Jenkins, a member of the Seaboard faculty. Miss Jenkins is a graduate of Chowan College of the class of 1929.

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Kelford team was chosen as the winner of the girls' scholarship. Since Miss Burkett is not a senior and could not use the scholarship next year Miss Alien Holloman of the Harrellsville team and a member of the Harrellsville Senior Class was chosen as second winner of the scholarship. La Mar

("Monk") Henson of the Murfreesboro team and a member of the Murfreesboro Senior Class was chosen as the winner of the boys' scholarship.

This year a slight change was made in regard to the winners of the scholarship. Instead of the winners coming from the seniors who entered the tournament as was the former custom has been, the best individual player entering, regardless of class distinction, was to be chosen. If this player was not a senior then a second player, coming from the senior class, was chosen and the scholarship was given to him.

Thanks to the ideal weather, which was in keen contrast to the snowy blizzard accompanying the ball players last year, the tournament was one of the most successful that has been held in the college gym.

STUDENT COUNCIL

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freshman class.

Florence Ward is one of our freshmen, so she may feel a little new in her position at first. Remember, Florence, treasurer is the first step up.

The installation service, after which these new officers will take up their duties, will be held in March.

They will succeed the following Council members: President, Mabel Carroll; vice president, Evelyn Blanchard; secretary, Ruth Stephenson; treasurer, Mary Smith; and house president, Nora Mae Ward. The classes will elect their own representatives soon for the incoming year.

LUCALIANS WINNERS

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Frances Jilcott, Frances Jones, Edna Porter. Those playing for the Lucalians were: Helen Edwards, Myra Sample, Bernice Ricks, Sallie Riddick, Martha Seymour, Elizabeth Parker.

The tennis match between the Alathenians and Lucalians was played at 11:30 o'clock instead of 4 as planned because the weather looked as if it would be unfavorable for afternoon tennis. The Alathenians won the first two sets on 12 out of 21 games.

Mary Lou Piland and Virginia Fleetwood played for the Alathenians. Mabel Pittman and Merlee Asbell played for the Lucalians. The players were well-matched and the game was a close game for both societies. Hard playing had to come from each individual but at a disadvantage to all as some had just played basketball and some had practiced for over an hour.

The Alathenians won the first set with 6-5 games and the second set with 6-4 games.

The reading contest between the two literary societies, which was the feature of the afternoon program of Society Day, was held in the college auditorium at 2:30 o'clock.

Evelyn Blanchard, a member of the senior class and also a senior in expression, represented the Lucalian and read a one-act play entitled "The Siege" by Calin Clements. Marjorie Mitchell, a freshman, represented the Alathenians with a one-act play entitled "The Valiant" by Holworthy Hall and Robert Middlemass.

A response from the audience proved that each had done an excellent piece of work with her play. However, the decision of the judges was 2-1 in favor of Evelyn Blanchard, Lucalian.

The audience was a representative one, including out of town visitors, former students, and town people, and the students and faculty members.

Those acting as marshals were: Alathenians—Mabel Carroll, chief, Sarah Story, and Madeline Modlin; Lucalians—Nora Mae Ward, chief, Helen Edwards, and Merlee Asbell.

The series of events of Society Day were brought to a close by the debate between the two socie-

ties in the college auditorium at 8 o'clock, after which the societies gave a reception in the parlor, honoring the readers, debaters, and the judges of the two contests.

The query for the debate was, "Resolved that the nations should agree to prevent the international shipment of arms and munitions."

The affirmative side of the question was upheld by the Alathenian society represented by Lucy Boone Freeman and Frances Jilcott with Ruth Taylor as alternate. The negative side was upheld by the Lucalian society which was represented by Inez Willoughby and Mary Smith and Adalene McGregor, alternate. The judges decided in favor of the negative side.

Immediately after the debate the two societies gave a reception in the college parlor honoring the readers of the afternoon reading contest, Evelyn Blanchard and Marjorie Mitchell, the debaters of the evening, and the judges of the two contests. The guests were introduced to Dr. Edwards at the head of the receiving line by Elizabeth Parker, Lucalian, and Lou Wilson Evans, Alathenian. Cora Felton Bass, Lucalian, and Ruth Stephenson, Alathenian, introduced the guests to the punch bowl, at which Winfield Carter, and Mary Beale Liverman, Alathenians, and Helen Edwards and Bernice Ricks, Lucalians, presided.

MEHERRIN RIVER

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During the first years the Meherrin river also served as an avenue of travel, especially for the student attending boarding school in Murfreesboro. No wonder the students of Chowan today sing of its "rippling waters" when it was due to these same rippling waters the first incorporated school in Hertford county was established in this town. In later years, Murfreesboro became more and more an educational center and the old river served its purpose as a means of transportation for the students. Later, the stage coach, and then the automobile

robbed the river of this part of its usefulness.

If the Meherrin failed to meet the expectations of its founders commercially speaking it surpassed their fondest hopes, socially speaking. For many years, the coming of the annual show boat was the one big social event of the year in the lives of the Hertford County people. Year after year crowds of men, women and children gathered on the banks of the Meherrin to enjoy this grand occasion.

The show boat was indeed a gala event. Usually it came about the first of May and stayed a week. Each night regular programs of varied types were put on. The cast consisted of about a dozen nice, quiet, refined, friendly people. It was a beautiful thing—this boat—always freshly painted and decorated. And how comfortable was the modern theater! It was on the lower deck of the boat and seated about five hundred people. Night after night these five hundred seats were filled with people, young and old, who enjoyed the plays of romance and excitement. After the main program a concert for the masses was sometime put on. The show alone drew hundreds of people into Murfreesboro who never came except on this occasion.

Today, the river seems to be serving the original purpose of the early founders of the town. The Smith-Douglass Fertilizer Company, the largest plant of its kind in Hertford County and the surrounding counties, is situated on its banks.

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