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HAPPY  
NEW YEAR!

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## Choir Sings Over WPTF

Broadcast Made From  
College Chapel

The Louisburg College A Cappella Choir presented a musical program over station WPTF Sunday night, December 14. The choir began its broadcast at 8:30 p.m. with the college "Alma Mater."

The choir's program consisted of the following well selected and excellently rendered numbers with the "Alma Mater" as a signature: "Beautiful Savior," Christiansen; "You Goin' to Reap Jus' What You Sow," Negro spiritual, Burleigh; "Ave Verum," Gounod; "Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee," Bach; "Our Master Hath a Garden," folk song, Anderson; "Come, Holy Ghost," Palestrina; "Evening Hymn," Rheinberger; and three carols, "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," Willis; "Adeste Fidelis," and "O Little Town of Bethlehem," Redner.

Dr. Walter Patten, President of the college, brought a brief message to the parents, friends, and alumni—a message of adjustment in a war-frightened world. Dr. Patten stated, "We can be thankful that the spirit of kindness to men shall flood our nation just at a time to ameliorate the tendency to hatred and revenge that recent events would suggest."

"The road of endeavor for colleges and for students is clear. Our colleges are to intensify their opportunities for the total development of the students, and the students must realize more keenly the meaning of life and its responsibilities of becoming capable to serve."

The program was presented in the auditorium of the college, from which it was taken to the radio audience through the facilities of WPTF.

Those composing the choir are the following: Mary Jefferys, Youngsville; Reginald Styron, Davis; Ed Smith, Fayetteville; Virginia Hodges, Washington; Jessie Boone, Graham; Wilbur Payne, Stumpy Point; Dan McFarland, Statesville; J. E. Norris, Jr., Columbia; Sarah Davis, Louisburg; Polly Litchfield, Aurora; Louise Brantley, Bailey; Vera Johnson, Holly Springs; Kay Jones, Dunn; Jessie Mary Willson, Roxboro; Lillian Harris, Farmville; Mildred Newton, Raeford; Rebecca Cade, Sanford; Emma Dell Dark, Pittsboro; Gean Sasser, Smithfield; Shirley Lancaster, Goldsboro; Ruby Grey Massenburg, Louisburg; Laura Brickhouse, Atlantic; Emma Sue Snell, Columbia; Jane Sanderlin, Council; Norwood Jones, Clayton; and Billy Andrews, Louisburg.

### Season's Greetings

Along with Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Everybody — from COLUMNS staff! This is our last issue before '42, and we want to wish for every one of you success and happiness in the coming year.

You can make '42 a wonderful year for yourself and for Louisburg College if you make each day count toward what you wish the whole year to be.

—So, until next year: good luck and goodbye!



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"Deck  
The  
Halls  
With  
Boughs  
of  
Holly"



"I Heard  
The  
Bells  
on  
Christmas  
Day"

## VARIED EVENTS FEATURE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Dr. Patten Reads  
Carol To Students

The ever-beloved *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens was presented to the students of Louisburg College by Dr. Patten, the president, on Saturday evening, December 6. Accompanying Dr. Patten's reading of the story were slides showing the engravings used in an early edition of the book.

In true Dickensian fashion such characters as Scrooge, Mrs. Fezziwig, Bob Cratchitt, and Tiny Tim shone through the quaint and humorous caricatures of the nineteenth century setting. The audience was led, through the reader's interpretation and the pictures, to a better understanding of one of our best known Christmas classics.

Concluding the reading with the now famous words of Tiny Tim, "And so, God bless us every one," Dr. Patten had brought a message that revealed the Christmas spirit as born in the hearts of men and reflected in unselfish deeds.

Dean House  
Delights Hearers

Proverbially students are said to be poor listeners (others are, too), but such was far from the case Thursday evening when Dean R. B. House, of the University of North Carolina, spoke to the faculty and students at Louisburg, entertaining them and at the same time challenging them to higher living.

"The person who is a success in life is the person who enjoys what he is doing and puts everything he has into doing it," declared the speaker. "Select the work you are best fitted for and do it; and, no matter what your work is, don't be ashamed of it. Self-consciousness is a trait that every person possesses, and it must be conquered for mastery of many situations. One must get out of himself and relate himself to his fellowmen with worthy altruistic motive."

To illustrate his discourse, the speaker used many anecdotes, which were effective clinchers for his ideas. In discussing the fact that we must make the best of what we have and our present situation, he referred to the remark of an old colored woman who said, "You can't go nowhere from where you ain't; you got to start from where you is."

Dean House affirmed, "There are three aspects of life that affect each personality: self, others, and the Infinite." He emphasized that we must learn to adjust ourselves to these and keep our proper balance with each.

Also the speaker mentioned the three following factors in life; inheritance, intellect, and character. The use that a person makes of the first two factors tend to condition the nature of the third, which is the highest and the significantly determining one.

The general attitude of approval of the speech is implied in the remark of one student: "He said some things that it will be well to remember."

The occasion of this speech was the formal Christmas dinner.

Students Attend  
Youth Rally

"The ring of sincerity is an admirable quality in any young person," said the Reverend Forrest Hedden at Garner on Wednesday evening, December 3, to a union Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Raleigh and Vance-Franklin County subdistricts.

In illustrating his point the speaker compared counterfeit money to a person's life. A piece of counterfeit money may appear as perfect as real money, but through usage we hear the dull thud of counterfeit coin. When the government detects this coin, it is defaced to the extent that it can no longer be used.

A coin manufactured in a government mint, however, is of true worth. It has backing in the treasury to stand for it and the backing of a nation of people. Through usage this coin sounds the ring of sincerity and will stand just as long as stands the government back of it.

More than a score of college students and young people of the town accompanied by Mr. Hedden went to Garner on the college bus to attend this meeting. Because of a delay in leaving Louisburg, the group arrived late; and the "late Mr. Hedden" was introduced as the speaker.

After the worship service, games were played in the corridor, a ghost story entitled "The Fall of the House of Usher" was told, and refreshments were served.

Christmas Party

The first-year students entertained the faculty and senior class Monday evening at a Christmas party and dance. There was a Christmas tree and a real Santa Claus direct from the North Pole, who came in a sleigh drawn by white reindeers. Only the good little boys and girls received gifts; the bad ones did not get a single gift.

A formal dance followed; the music was furnished by Mr. Byerly and his orchestra.

Sunday School Class  
Gives Chapel Program

An interesting discussion of three different religions was the chapel program on December 2, presented by the college Sunday school class in charge of Mr. Hancock.

The following were the subjects of talks: "Christianity," Martha Ann Strowd; "Mohammedanism," Dan McFarland; "Buddhism," Jane Sanderlin; a comparison of these religions, Ira L. Helms Jr.

Martha Ann spoke impressively and understandingly of some of the unique facts and values of the Christian religion and the life of Christ. To the question of what Jesus considered His mission on earth, she affirmed, "We can answer in His own words: 'I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.'"

In clear and appealing manner she illuminated the idea of the saving mission of the Christ, as bringing to the world a new conception of God's love for mankind. Christ based his whole doctrine on two commandments: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy mind and with all thy soul. And the second is like unto the first—Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

In summary she mentioned the thought of Jesus as to His mission to men: "There was only one thing He hated and sought to destroy—sin; only one thing He loved for man and sought to bestow—goodness."

Dan McFarland followed, introducing his discussion with the Mohammedan call to worship, repeated in Arabic. Then he set forth with emphasis certain basic beliefs of the faith. He stressed its monetheistic view and the prominence of the idea of Allah as a god of justice, in this respect similar to the Christian idea but on another side of the same view differing in the lack of Mohammedan emphasis on the love of God.

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Home Economics  
Party

Delightfully featuring the Christmas spirit was a party given by the members of the Home Economics Club at the home of its president, Jane Murphy, on December 4.

Highlighting the entertainment of the party were the Christmas games directed by Ella Lewis, vice president, and the carol singing led by Brooksie Meekins.

At the end of the entertainment the members were led into the dining room, where a salad course was served, buffet style. The room was unusually attractive, decorated with the Christmas motif. On the center of the table stood a small Christmas tree under which lay a Christmas package for each member. The tree was covered with snow—dazzling in a soft blue haze created by the use of the blue decorations and soft blue lights, adding a charm that characterized the well-planned party.

Assisting the hostess in serving were Jean McKinnon, Ella Lewis, and members of the first-year foods class.

### You Can Have the Christmas Spirit If—

- Christ rather than Santa Claus signifies Christmas for you.
- You remember that it is a commemoration of the birth of Jesus.
- You prepare your heart for the rebirth of Christ in your life.
- You have a Christmas carol in your heart.
- You seek to make someone else happy.
- Your gifts to people reflect the Christmas spirit of love and unselfishness.
- You feel love for even your enemies.
- Christmas brings to you something of lasting worth.