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STUDENTS HEAR TIMELY TALKS

Mrs. Jessie S. Gregg, coordinator of the Family Life Community Program, associated with the Raleigh Public Schools and sponsored on Louisburg campus by the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian associations, recently held a series of discussions; boy-and-girl relationships, courtship, and preparation for marriage.

The speaker analyzed the subject against the changing practices and ideas and in view of present conditions and needs.

"One of the gravest problems of young people," stated Mrs. Gregg on one occasion, "is growing up and establishing a home."

She pointed out firm bases for safe decisions and action in various questions of importance to youth; for example, petting, smoking and drinking. Her major position was that such matters must be decided in terms, not of indulgence at the moment, but of an informed, sane view of ultimate price and results.

How to choose a life companion is another question about which Mrs. Gregg spoke. She pointed out criteria for judging whether a romantic interest might be merely passing in its nature or likely to hold that fine stability that could justify a choice with the promise of permanent characteristics of a successful marriage.

Another view was that a person must become thoroughly acquainted with the person who is to be his life companion.

What kind of person is he really? There is one thing certain: "You can't find out in a 'clinch,'" said Mrs. Gregg, discussing the subject of petting. "It is easy to get into the emotions of a man, but it takes skill to get into his interest."

Petting, she dubbed a lazy way of entertainment, a substitute for conversation. That a girl as well as a boy must use the mind as well as the emotions, was her position.

To sublimate any inclination for petting, couples must find activities, such as dancing, tennis, golf, and swimming to enjoy together. Also the best way for a boy to know a girl or a girl to know a boy is by association, not just where the two are alone, but where they are in company with others.

Numbers of students attended the lectures; and after each one students discussed personal problems with Mrs. Gregg. The series has given evidence, by attendance and personal conference, of the interest enlisted on the part of students and outsiders.



"Joy to the World!"

CHRISTMAS EVENTS TYPIFY CAMPUS LIFE

Formal Dinner

The formal Christmas dinner and the December birthday party were jointly observed at 6 p.m., December 11. The speaker of the evening was Mr. Wiley Mitchell, superintendent of Franklin County schools. He spoke on national defense and the part all play in this serious matter. Guests for the evening were Dr. and Mrs. Kent and Mr. and Mrs. Hedden.

The December birthday guests were as follows: Theo Strum, Richard Byrd, Bobbie Ivey, Ida Margaret Braswell, Edna Lane, David Bradshaw, Bettie Belle, Enna Meekins, Claude F. Burrows, Horton Corwin, Mozelle Privette, Marguerite Poole, Carol Temple, Annie Laurie Coward, Louise Muse, Agnes Harris, W. D. Heath, Jr., and Thomas C. Helms.

The dining hall was decorated in beautiful Christmas greens glistening with snowy sheen and in cheerful red tapers. The delicious dinner was served by candle light.

Campus Scenes and Dance

On Saturday evening, December 5, pictures were shown of scenes on the campus and in town. An informal dance in the social hall followed. Also various table games were played in the faculty parlor. The social hall, main hall, and the faculty parlor were beautifully decorated in Christmas greens, with lighted candles on every hand.

Mrs. Rose Reads "The Other Wise Man"

On Tuesday evening, December 8, in the college auditorium, Mrs. Frank Rose, a former student of the college and now a resident of the town, read from memory to the members of the Dramatic Club Henry Van Dyke's *The Other Wise Man*.

Her manner of presentation was free and flowing, and the interpretation was spiritually inspiring and deeply expressive of the true message of Christmas.

A social hour followed. Delicious doughnuts and hot coffee were served in the attractively decorated social hall.

Dr. Patten Reads "A Christmas Carol"

Dr. Patten read the traditional Dickens' interpretation of the season, *A Christmas Carol*, in the auditorium at 7:30, December 12.

Interpreting the reading were stereopticon slides of the illustrative engravings used in an early edition of the story. These quaint and humorous caricatures out of the nineteenth century heightened the Dickensian flavor of the occasion. The

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I. R. C. Discusses War Issues

"Women will be used physically in this war more than in any other war—taking the places of men wherever they can," said Mrs. Ben T. Holden, guest speaker at the International Relations Club, November 26. The occasion was the second meeting of the International Relations Club during "Women at War Week."

Mrs. Holden stressed the importance of women in the war. She stated that in the thousands of jobs in defense industries only 331 are unsuitable for women. She compared the women of other countries to the women of the United States. In this reference she told that 8,770 of the workers in an Ordnance plant in Wales are women. Women have become airplane spotters, nurses' aides, and key persons in numerous other positions vital to our nation's defense. Also in Russia women are contributing their efforts to their country. The Czech women subtly use their country's patriotic colors in their clothes.

Mrs. Holden concluded her speech with the statement that the task is not concluded even with the armistice, but that women work on.

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Pearl Harbor Day Recognized

Pearl Harbor Day was observed by students and faculty of Louisburg College in the auditorium at 10:30 a.m. on December 7. The program was opened with the familiar "America the Beautiful" sung by the entire group. The college choir then sang the spirited anthem, "God of Our Fathers."

The speaker, Mr. Kilby, head of the Social Science Department, was presented by Dr. Patten, who commented briefly on the significance of the day.

Mr. Kilby set before his audience the bare facts of what took place on that tragic morning of December 7, 1942, between the hours of 7:55 and 9:45. He told of the tremendous American loss of lives, ships, aircraft, and other property.

He mentioned the reference to the Alamo in the song "Remember Pearl Harbor" and graphically pointed out, not the comparison of the two events, but the striking contrast. He said that part of the tragedy might have been averted, had the nation's moral defense been at its best.

In closing, Mr. Kilby spoke again of the job to be done and the necessity for doing it speedily.

Dr. Patten then concluded with a prayer for a victory which might

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"There'll Always be Roses"

Mrs. Miniver, a novel written by Jan Struther and filmed by M.G.M., is a heart-warming story centered around the life and character of a young British wife and mother who is a symbol of the pleasant and durable phase of living. It is an extraordinary and convincing story woven out of the present struggle. Mrs. Miniver, resourceful and lovable, is enacted wonderfully by Greer Garson; Mr. Miniver, her handsome husband, by Walter Pidgen; and the son Vin, a student at Oxford, impatient with class-consciousness, by Richard Ney.

Mrs. Miniver is filled with love for the beautiful, both in people and in all living things. She loves roses and has a kindly understanding of both the poor and the rich who have grown them. When later the enemy comes, it is seen that they are no respecters of roses or flower shows. For those who love them, however, "there'll always be roses!" as the station master said.

From the picture we gather, too, the story of beings who are young and who love life, but die. Vin crosses class barriers and marries Carol. Soon after, she is fatally

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Christmas Greetings from COLUMNS

May this Christmas
Be dearer than dear to you
And holier than all others,
For greater reverence, greater
thankfulness
Because of God's Great Gift
On that first Christmas
night—
The Gift that is our Star of
Hope
To guide through days like
these
And all our days.

8 Cramming
Days
Until
EXAMINATIONS

Everywhere Christmas!

While we are at home enjoying Christmas, all of our thoughts will turn to "our boys" and what they are doing on this our holiday of holidays.

They will be scattered as the four winds to the four corners of the earth: Africa—Solomon Islands—Hawaii—China—India—Alaska—Iceland—Greenland—England—Ireland. People of all these countries are looking into young American faces. There they will see the symbol of American hearts and minds as these our ambassadors live the Christmas season among them. "Our boys" will show these many countries what there is in Christmas "to have and to hold." Johnny is there in Ireland play-

ing carols with his mouth harp, as his comrades sing, warm in companionship wherever they are. It is cold—not so cold as here—though there may be a chill round about.

Frank sits in the hot sun of Africa, stewing physically but feeling a queer shiver of emotion, for he is thinking of summer greenness of the trees and winter whiteness of the snow in New Hampshire.

In England, David, a Japanese by race, but an American by birth and heart and mind, tells the English nothing new about using greenery and mistletoe at Christmas, for the custom came from England. They'll surprise him by decorating his little cubby hole in the barracks, as his mother decorated his

home for him last Christmas.

Iceland makes for the boys a real "White Christmas"; and as Bill skis on his holiday, he thinks of home in Minnesota and the train that always carried him and his friends to the mountains during the holidays.

In all these different surroundings, though, boys have the same thoughts which travel homeward and Godward. They are taking part in a terrible conflict, but they'd like to be happy at Christmas.

For every such John, Bill, David, and Frank, if there is Christmas this year, it will have to be in his heart—and for all of us, too, if we have a real Christmas, we must have it in our hearts.

Can we this Christmas—

- be content with what we have even though it is less than what we have had?
- live with a carol in our hearts?
- truly think of others instead of merely ourselves?
- do at least one unselfish deed each day?
- pray more earnestly for our world and for peace for all men?
- come back from our holidays with more reverence for life and all that Christmas signifies?