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ROOSEVELT'S BIRTHDAY OBSERVED

"March of Dimes"
Staged on Campus

President Roosevelt's birthday was observed on the campus with a concentrated effort on the march of dimes the afternoon of January 30. A hundred-per-cent participation set as the campus goal for the relief of infantile paralysis was almost reached as the dimes marched in during the remaining hours of the day. The boys went over the top by seven o'clock, while the girls moved steadily upward. The entire resident group was divided into four sections according to dormitory quarters: the third floor of Franklin building, with Mary Elizabeth Midyette as chairman; the second floor of Franklin, with Frances Cridlin as chairman; Main building and Davis together, with Ruth Pegram as chairman; and Wright dormitory, with Melvin Smiley as chairman.

According to the announcement made at the noon hour, returns were given by a bulletin-board poster giving reports from different groups at four, seven, and ten-thirty o'clock. The poster, showing in graduated columns the distance each section had traveled toward the top, revealed the progress made, up to the stated hours.

At the last returns, the boys still held the lead in percentage of participation, since their runner-up, third floor Franklin, had missed by one person having a hundred per cent participation. Main and Davis together having more students than any other group, totaled \$5.40 in offering.

The entire amount donated was \$16.50.

The sum was taken to Mrs. Hugh Perry, in charge of the Franklin County offerings, who enclosed the sum in one of the regulation presidential birthday cards issued for the purpose. The card provided space for enclosing the dollar bills and the money in coin and carried the printed greeting to the President as well as the hand-written signing of "Louisburg College."

King Speaks On War

The Reverend Hiram King, of the First Methodist Church, Henderson, recently spoke in chapel on war.

Though he referred to the romance of war, he did not overlook the horrors of the present depression of civilization.

He emphasized the need for Christians to dedicate themselves to the high ideals worth fighting for, and he stressed the necessity of moral and spiritual forces in today's crisis.

THE BELL

Where is that bell that woke us when we were sleeping so well?

Where is that bell that told us when to go to those dreaded classes and relieve us of those dry lectures?

Where is that bell that told us what our internal informer was already telling?

Where is that bell that made us shut up and study?

Where is that bell that opened the bookstore?

Oh, shucks! Where is our bell anyway?



"The years go fast in Oxford [Louisburg], the golden years and gay."

BANG! AND IT'S OFF

One of the pictures above will no doubt awaken memories in the minds of members of the annual staff—possibly will even occasion a smile or a laugh. Then, the picture would seem to deserve a word of explanation to those who may not understand.

In accord with conservation order M-99 of the War Production Board members of the annual staff gathered in an informal group on the south steps of Franklin one afternoon last November. The purpose was to remove the metal from the wooden blocks of some photographic plates, mainly copper, to be sold to the government for scrap metal. Although at first the job looked like a long tough one, the work progressed with surprising success. There must have been some attraction in the procedure, for even some outsiders dropped by to help.

Except for a few scratches from the nails and cuts from the plates and maybe a few bruises received when bricks fell on one's leg or foot, little happened; but a persistent noise tended to drive us delirious, though lively "cracks" kept us sane.

After about an hour of work we got the metal off. You should have seen the curious-looking creatures we saw on the plates—faces of long ago (we'll look that way some day).

It took a trailer to haul off the blocks. About fifty or sixty pounds was the yield, which has come in handy for the government and equally handy for us, since junking our obsolete plates gives us the right to get new ones and brought in the small but not unwelcome sum of \$2.12.

I.R.C. Hears Talk On Japan

The International Relations Club met January 21 with Dean Hudgins as guest speaker.

"The Inside Government of Japan" was the topic of Miss Hudgins' speech. She explained the origin of the present-day system of government of Japan. She emphasized the faith that the Japanese people have in their government, asserting that one of the beliefs of their country is that they are a divine people and are incapable of being defeated. Dean Hudgins stated that indirectly the Japanese government is controlled by the army. When the present-day system of their government collapses, the Japanese people, she suggested, might react in either of two widely different ways: become bitter and disillusioned or embrace with eager welcome the Christian interpretation and way of life.

The speech was highlighted with some of Miss Hudgins' personal experiences as a missionary in Japan.

Following the speech the club members discussed various questions rising from the present-day war.

A short meeting was held February 4 to elect a new secretary. Evelyn Smithwick was elected to take the place of Frances Spivey, who had resigned because of not feeling it justifiable to use gas driving her car to the meetings of the club.

The president also discussed plans for members to attend the I.R.C. conference to be held at Meredith College in March. After a discussion on the different phases of the conference the meeting was adjourned.

STUDENTS ACHIEVE FIRST SEMESTER HONORS

While scholastic achievement is not what "maketh a full man," it is a step in that direction and an honor to the individual and the school. The first semester ended with a creditable percentage of the students on the honor roll and the honorable mention list. It is interesting to note that Martha Ann Strowd was also the highest ranking student at the close of the first semester last year.

HONOR ROLL

Annie Louise Sherlock	2.94
Martha Ann Strowd	2.94
Wesley Gentry	2.75
Elizabeth Harris	2.75
Eaton Holden	2.75
Thomas Helms	2.65
Mary Modlin	2.63
Shirley Smith	2.58
Enna Meekins	2.56
Lois Asbell	2.56
Ira Helms	2.56
Mary Sykes	2.56

HONORABLE MENTION

Louise Baines	2.46
Jewell Jackson	2.44
J. E. Norris, Jr.	2.42
King Moore Willis	2.38
Sara Hux	2.29
Sue Margaret Harris	2.28
Frances Gill	2.25
Horton Corwin	2.21
Oscar Fuller	2.20
Janie Ray Manning	2.19
Catherine Rowe	2.16
Marion Frederick	2.12
Eleanor Beasley	2.11
Ralph Pegram	2.06
Elaine Smith	2.06
Dayton Hardwick	2.00
Barbara Thorson	2.00

Madam Kai-Shek Discussed at "Y"

The life of Madam Chiang Kai-shek of China was set forth at the Y.W.C.A. candlelight service on Tuesday evening, February 3. Frankie Murphy, Lois Asbell and Eleanor Beasley presented the facts and interpretation of the story.

Emphasis was laid upon the manner in which the wife of China's president has arrived at her present strong Christian faith and prayer life. The influence of her mother was pointed out as the source of the daughter's religious development.

Madam Shek was quoted as saying, "I knew my mother lived very close to God. I recognized something great in her. She spent hours in prayer. When we asked her advice about anything, she would say, 'I must ask God first.'"

The story referred to Madam Chiang Kai-Shek's belief that her arriving at a sense of religious security came in part from her experience in China's privation and suffering, which has given her a feeling of inadequacy and led to a deep experience of turning to God and submitting to His will.

In part her words were quoted thus: "In old Chinese art there is just one outstanding object, perhaps a flower, on a scroll. Everything else in the scroll is subordinate.

"An integrated life is like that. What is that one flower? As I see it now, it is the will of God."

The highlight from the testimony of this Chinese woman, who has been called "the most influential Christian in the world," was perhaps her words expressing her attitude toward the Japanese people as she

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FRATERNITIES STAGE CAMPUS EVENTS

Beta Phi Gamma Holds Initiation

Beta Phi Gamma, national junior-college journalistic fraternity, under the direction of Miss Merritt, sponsor, and Miss Peters, associate member, held its first initiation of the year Monday evening, February 1, in the Faculty Parlor.

J. Wesley Gentry and McNeill Epock were the pledges, who were administered the secret vows before the secret altar. Blindfolded in the hall outside, the candidates separately were led by Miss Peters into the Faculty Parlor.

Immediately after the certificates of membership were awarded to the initiates, guests for the social hour arrived: Eaton Holden, Martha Grey King, Ira Helms, Ruth Pegram, Sara Hux, and Sue Margaret Harris were ushered in—all of them being active members on either COLUMNS or *The Oak* staff.

A delightful two-course supper was served in buffet style.

The scene was illuminated by the shadows of stately candles. Other decorations included a simple but strikingly beautiful arrangement of magnolia sprays held in a Grecian-column vase beside a proud-poised swan, both set on a reflector.

This occasion marked the first Beta Phi Gamma initiation in over a year; however, more bids are to be issued soon to those chosen among the staff members of the two college publications.

TAFF VISITS CAMPUS

Sergeant L. R. Taff, former dean of men and head of the English department visited the campus on his five-day leave, before going to Scott Field, Illinois, where he had been transferred from Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland. Mr. Taft is in the Air Corps, having left the college to enlist in January 1942.

Since leaving the college, he has been at Fort Bragg; Scott Field, Illinois; Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland; and he is now back at Scott Field, Illinois.

When Mr. Taft entered military service last January, he was given a leave of absence from the college for the duration.

As head of the English Department in the college, he distinguished himself for thorough-going scholarship, for worthy standards of student scholastic achievement, and for devotion to duty and to the high-

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As worthy students we must—

- use wisely our time and talent.
- seek every passing opportunity.
- be consistent in our purpose.
- develop the possibilities of our personalities.
- think nobly and thus live more nobly.
- learn to meet life triumphantly.