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## CELL GROUPS BEGUN

Cell groups had their beginning on Louisburg campus when fifteen students and three faculty members met in the faculty parlor on February 21 to discuss definite plans. In the light of information and interpretation given at the recent Methodist Conference in Durham, the conception, procedure and arrangements for meetings of campus cell groups were determined. The students present were asked to discover other interested students with the thought of bringing together all who would care to become a part of a cell group.

Personal invitations together with announcements resulted in the formation of three cell groups, which met in separate places for an hour on Sunday evening, February 28, with a total of about thirty persons present. Prayer was the main subject discussed at this first meeting.

The general plans for the meeting included periods of silence in meditation and spiritual communion, devotional Bible study, discussion of personal problems of conscience or decision and prayer. The purpose of the groups is a deepening of individual spiritual experience designed toward more worthy living and service.

The timeliness of such a movement in the disturbed world of today has been cited, since the periods of meeting furnish an opportunity for seeking and silence. The plan is one that has recently had a real appeal on college campuses and is favored by some of the outstanding leaders of youth.

The name *cell* signifies one minute, unified part of a living organism, and a group is a potentially growing unit, always offering entrance to any student interested and multiplying the number of groups as additions to a given group may necessitate, the maximum of twelve members being prescribed for one group.

## Round Table Discusses Duke Conference

The students who attended the North Carolina Methodist College-Student Conference February 5-7 joined in a round-table discussion in chapel on February 16, to tell the other students what the occasion was like.

The theme of the conference was "Discipline for Christian living," interpreted largely by the chief speaker, Dr. John K. Benton, of Vanderbilt University.

Many of the students remarked upon the friendly spirit that prevailed throughout the meeting. Some were interested in the American-born Japanese students from Guilford College who attended. Others made

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## DURING RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS WEEK LET US EACH—

- give up some of our usual social hours to have time to attend each evening service.
- remember that we have no right to be indifferent to an opportunity like this to enrich our lives spiritually.
- be thoughtful about the challenges presented.
- invite someone else to attend with us.
- keep alive the messages given, by discussing them between services.
- be aware of a world that needs the best we can offer—a spiritual best.

"Arise, shine; for thy light is come."



## I.R.C. Gives Patriotic Program

The International Relations Club held an impressive patriotic program in chapel on February 19.

Charlotte Boone opened the program by reading Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

"The Civilian Life of Washington" was presented by Wes Gentry. He told how Washington chose surveying, went into politics, and married. He also told of his great love for outdoor sports.

Eaton Holden discussed "The Patriotic Life of Washington," showing him as always a leader during the forty-five years that he served. He was well named "The Father of the Land We Love."

"The Civilian Life of Lincoln" was discussed by John Sledge, who revealed Lincoln as an American extraordinary.

"Lincoln is America, and America is Democracy. He never found the price of freedom too high," it was declared.

Tom Helms discussed "Lincoln the Man." Elected by ordinary people, he was a statesman first and a politician second. To save the Union was his creed. He believed in the power of the Constitution.

The program was closed by Charlotte Boone as she read "The White Cliffs of Dover." In both of her readings she was accompanied at the piano by Mae Joe Walker.

## GENTRY READS ORIGINAL PLAY

An original play *In the Blood* was read by the author, J. Wesley Gentry, at the February meeting of the Dramatic Club.

The play was well received by the audience, which recognized a keen dramatic instinct on the part of the writer.

The strength of the play lay in the author's ability to portray vividly and realistically the clear-cut characteristics of the "poor whites" as found among some Southern tenant farmers.

In various places the speech of the characters has the distinctive touch of folk language with something of its concrete, vivid, and vigorous quality.

After the reading of the play, an open forum was held, faculty and students giving criticisms of the author's work.

Miss Virginia Peyatt, director of the Louisburg College Players, has announced her intention to produce the play in the late spring.

The Louisburg College Player will in such event be experiencing their first campus production of a student-written play.

## SCHOLASTIC CLUBS BEGUN

### Science Club Organized

A new and entirely different club has been organized under the supervision of E. C. Dresser, professor of science, for the purpose of teaching to those who are interested, advanced knowledge of science, the fundamental bases of science being in the list of proposed content.

The club met for the first time on Monday, February 22, to organize and elect officers. The following were elected; Dayton Hardwick, president; Ben Ward, vice president; Martha Gray King, treasurer; and Grace Johnson secretary. A council was nominated to accept any new members from any science course.

The club will have a charter from the Science Clubs of America. The name of the local club has not yet been determined.

The club will meet every Tuesday evening at seven-fifteen. At these meetings experiments will be carried out in physics, zoology, and chemistry. There will be three or more different groups in this club working together in the one definite science that each is most interested in. Every month one of these groups will present a program covering what it has done in its special study.

All students taking science and interested in advanced study are welcome to join the club, provided that they pass the inspection and consideration of the club council.

The club is not an honorary fraternity, but the members intend, with high-grade achievement, to make it such.

### Math Club Has New Start

The math students are contemplating the reorganization of the Mathematics Club.

To be eligible for this club, a student must be taking a course in Liberal Arts Mathematics or Engineering Mathematics, with his or her grade on the course not below an A.

The math students hope soon to elect officers and get started in their club work.

## BETA PHI GAMMA PROGRAM IS GIVEN IN CHAPEL

Beta Phi Gamma had charge of the chapel on February 23 inviting certain students to become members.

Wesley Gentry, President, and McNeil Ipock, vice president, described the objective and emphasized by Biblical reference the high place of truth of this journalistic fraternity and the qualification for it. Then they set forth the honored place of the pen even in the era that magnifies the sword. They gave, in something of an anti-planned setting, the devotional thought. Then prayer was offered by Wesley.

The tapping that followed furnished much amusement for the student body. Wes and Mac took turns in descending into the midst of the students and tapping some worthy journalist on the back. The student thus honored was conducted to the platform, presented to the audience in terms of and significant of a bid to Beta Phi Gamma.

The persons tapped were led out by the president and vice president of the fraternity with the singing of "Lead On, O King Eternal."

The students honored in the bids were Sue Margaret Harris, Ira Helms, Eaton Holden, Ruth Pegram, Sara Hux, Martha Gray King, Ben Ward, and Mary Frances Handley.

## Religious Emphasis Week Challenges Campus



The Reverend R. G. Dawson

### Dawson Comes For Series

Religious Emphasis Week this year brings to Louisburg campus the Reverend R. G. Dawson, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Raleigh.

This year the week will begin on Sunday, March 7, and run through Friday, March 12. Morning sessions will be conducted on Tuesday and Friday, chapel days; and the evening sessions, at seven o'clock each day. Miss Huggins, Miss Merritt, and Mr. Hedden plan to schedule hours through the week when they will be available to help Mr. Dawson with personal student interviews concerning problems of any kind a student may wish to discuss.

At Mr. Dawson's request suggestions have been made by the Central Religious Council, composed of students and faculty members, as to subjects of possible interest or value in the series of messages. The choices so far made emphasize the application of Christian standards to daily living and a proper adjustment of life for the major testing that may lie ahead in a warring world, especially as the problem may concern men students.

### World Day of Prayer

The emphasis on Friday of the special week will be in keeping with the World Day of Prayer observed at the chapel hour. Thus Louisburg will participate in the world-wide observance that begins with the dawn of February 12 on the Fiji Islands and ends on the St. Laurence Islands off the coast of Alaska, an observance of over twenty-five years' recurrence. Mr. Dawson is expected to take a part in the observance.

Mr. Dawson was the first choice of more than one person of the Central Religious Council, which had charge of the selection of the visiting minister for Religious Emphasis Week this year.

Persons who have known Mr. Dawson testify to his former success in serving youth and to his excellent qualifications for contributing to college students during a period such as Religious Emphasis Week. He is also noted for his general church work, having manifested in various places a fine ability to lead young people. He has the name of being one who gets down into the hearts of young people and does not talk above their understanding. Mr. Dawson was the pastor at Mount Olive before being transferred by the conference to Raleigh in 1941.

Last year the college was delighted in having the Reverend O. L. Hathaway and year before last the Reverend Robert Bradshaw during Religious Emphasis Week. The week has been observed at Louisburg for a number of years in accord with the practice in many colleges in the nation.

## "THINGS UNATTEMPTED YET"

- May our minds be enlightened this week;
- May they be lifted from the worry of worldly trifles.
- May our hearts find new inspiration and peace;
- May they find a new and lasting joy—Blessings God alone can give.

## The Oak of 1943 Progresses

The 1943 edition of *The Oak*, Louisburg annual, is once again in the making. Although planning of the edition has been in progress most of the year, the major work began about two weeks ago. During this short time the "dummy" has been completed. Various expeditions have been made by Ira and Thomas Helms in order to get ads, and so far they have been successful in this phase of the work.

Mrs. Siddell, from the Siddell Studio in Raleigh, was on the campus Wednesday and Thursday of the past week taking pictures remaining from the fall photographing. She covered the campus formally and informally, taking snapshots, group pictures, individual pictures of students and faculty, and campus scenes.

The members of *The Oak* composing staff are McNeil Ipock, editor-in-chief; John Sledge, assistant editor until his recent withdrawal from college; Ira Helms, business manager, recently called to the Army Air Corps; Thomas Helms, assistant business manager; Sue Margaret Harris, literary editor; Evelyn Smithwick, assistant literary editor; Sara Hux, feature editor; Marvin Pleasants, sports editor; Maurice Powers, photographic editor; and Wesley Gentry, advertising manager.

The edition of the yearbook is expected to come out to the students at some early date in May.

## SENIORS ELECT SUPERLATIVES

According to college traditions, the seniors cast their votes on February 23 to elect their class superlatives. By ballot they selected the friendliest senior, the best sport, the most original, the best liked, and an ideal student.

Nominations for these places were posted beforehand, and seniors were discussed in every light to see whether they were worthy of an honor. The results came out as follows:

- McNeil Ipock—best-liked boy.
- Muriel Whitehurst—best-liked girl.
- Sara Hux—an ideal student.
- Wes Gentry—most original.
- Claude Stainbeck—friendliest.
- Joe Glazebrook—best sport.

A glance at the past records of these students shows that typically the students elected have been outstanding in campus leadership or achievement. The group represents the presidency of four organizations.

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