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"Strive and
hold cheap
the strain"

"Learn
nor account
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PRINCIPALS FOR MAY DAY CHOSEN

May queen for the 1944 May Day festival at Louisburg College will be pretty Edna Moye, elected by popular student vote, January 12. Ballots were cast in front of the dining hall after lunch, and the school was kept in suspense until 10:30 a.m., Friday morning, when the new reigning queen was announced amid uproarious applause.

Betty Mintz was the decided favorite for maid of honor, as evidenced by an almost unanimous student vote. Next, the ladies of the court were elected. They are as follows: Lois Asbell, Margaret Barbour, Tilly Eakes, Virginia Floyd, Virginia Anne Goldston, Mary Goodwin, Dorothy Harris, Elizabeth Harris, Annie Louise Sherlock, Shirley Smith, Frances Spivey, and Elizabeth White.

The committees for the May Day festival have been announced by the Physical Education Club sponsoring the festival, under the direction of Miss Marjorie Crisp and the general chairman, Colleen Gillis. The committees are as follows: Costumes: Lois Asbell, Agnes Harris, Vivian Creech, Mary Elizabeth Midyette, and Anne Whitehead; dances: Mary Goodwin, Josephine Lassiter, Betty Mintz, Jennie Warren, Elva Spruill, Margaret Barbour, and Elizabeth White; dresses and flowers: Tilly Eakes, Margaret Helms, and Dorothy Cothran; program: Allison Modlin, Evelyn Ann Garrett, Josephine Hight, and Josephine Hardison; properties: Mary Lee Hodges, Doris Jeanne Rountree, Lillie Mae Gupton, Joyce Meekins, and Mary Elizabeth Hodges; publicity: Dorothy Casey, Patty Perry, Mollie Fearing, Ruth Pegram, and Lucy Braxton; script: Annie Laurie Coward, Charlotte Usher, Virginia Ann Goldston, Elizabeth Harris, and Shirley Smith.

The May Day festival will be observed Saturday, May 6.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS GIVES SOCIAL

The members of the college Sunday school class enjoyed their first social event of the year Friday evening, January 21, in the history classroom.

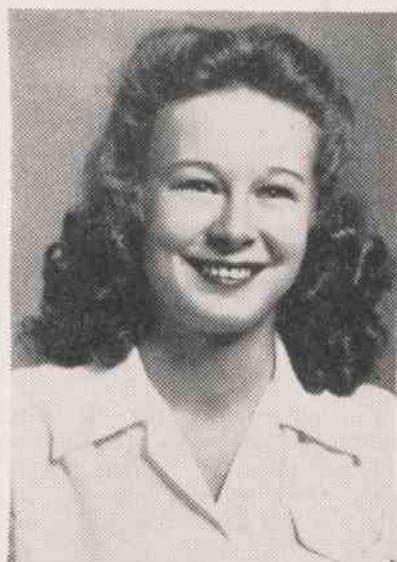
The entertainment committee headed by Josephine Lassiter, Shirley Smith, Anne Whitehead, and Talmadge Lancaster led a program of a short devotional, group singing, stunts, games, and contests that kept the group participating with brain and body activity and at times an abundance of laughter for about two hours.

The room was beautifully decorated in red and white, which created a warm and friendly atmosphere. The decoration committee consisted of Colleen Gillis, chairman; Charlotte Usher, Mary Strowd Ward, Edmund Harrison, and Robert Williford.

Attractive and delicious plates of fruit salad, ritz crackers, and chocolate fudge were served the group by the food committee—Marguerite Clement, Joyce Meekins, and Mildred Parks.

Mr. and Mrs. Kilby were recognized as major host and hostess of the evening.

Over a period of weeks the two Sunday school teams had been trying to excell each other in attendance. This party was given by the losing team, headed by Mary Elizabeth Midyette, to the winning team, headed by Fred Davis.



Siddell Studio

May Queen Elect Edna Moye

Representatives Chosen to Central Religious Council

Representatives to the Central Religious Council have been elected by the two Y's and the Sunday school class. YWCA representatives are Ruth Pegram, ex officio member, as president of the YWCA, and Anne Whitehead, recently elected Y-representative to the Religious Council; the YMCA representatives are Fred Davis, ex officio member, as president of the YMCA, and Talmadge Lancaster, recently elected Y-representative to the Religious Council. The Sunday school representatives elected are the following: Mary Elizabeth Midyette, Josephine Lassiter, Edmund Harrison, and Joyce Meekins. Miss Merritt, Miss Stipe, Mr. Kilby, Mr. Moon, and Mrs. Bagby, composing the faculty religious committee, complete the council.

The Central Religious Council is a student and faculty committee, which considers questions concerning the religious needs of the campus. The council does not exist primarily to execute plans and programs, but to try by suggestion to make a contribution through agencies suitable to direct various activities. It helps direct Religious Emphasis Week. At present the speaker and date of Religious Emphasis Week are under consideration.

A major aspect of uniqueness of the Central Religious Council is that it is the one campus group that functions officially with both faculty members and students acting in jointly purposed and jointly planned endeavors.

The council was formed in February, 1942, and has included some of the highest officers of student activities.

Students Achieve Semester Honors

The recent honor roll, marking the achievements of the first semester of the current year, shows a non-commercial and a commercial student tying for first place. Following for the commercial department there are three representatives; and for non-commercial students, five. In the honorable mention list, the commercial students lead the liberal arts students ten to nine, as does their total enrollment. From whatever department the scholastically ranking students come, they are congratulated by COLUMNS as having honored themselves and set a worthy example for others.

HONOR ROLL

First Semester 1943-44

Rank—Standing	Student
1	2.94 Sherlock, Annie Louise
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3	2.81 Thorson, Barbara
4	2.76 Whitehead, Anne
4	2.76 Usher, Charlotte
6	2.65 King, Marcelle
7	2.56 Suits, Doris
8	2.50 Spivey, Frances

Honorable Mention

9	2.41 Asbell, Lois
10	2.39 Roberson, Nannie
11	2.38 Moye, Edna
12	2.37 Hudgins, Mary
13	2.35 Fulcher, Beatrice
14	2.29 Rollins, Nancy
15	2.25 Davis, Fred
15	2.25 Willis, King Moore
17	2.24 Ward, Mary Strowd
18	2.23 Gardner, W. S.
18	2.23 Harris, Elizabeth
20	2.21 Kennedy, Dorothy
21	2.18 Gooch, Margaret
21	2.18 Parks, Mildred
23	2.06 Corwin, William
24	2.05 Mann, Marjorie
25	2.00 Joyner, Arnetta
25	2.00 Price, Hope
25	2.00 Tucker, Patricia
25	2.00 Young, Elva

YMCA Holds Dedication

The YMCA held a dedication service on Thursday evening, January 20.

The president, Fred Davis, called the meeting to order. Then all sang "In Christ there is no East or West!" Talmadge Lancaster led the group in prayer. Then the president dedicated himself to his office; he was followed by the vice president, Harold Sherrill; treasurer, Robert Guin; secretary, Robert Williford; the chairman of each committee: Edmund Harrison, of the Worship Committee; King Moore Willis, of the International and Race Relations Committee; Talmadge Lancaster, of the Publicity Committee; and

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"HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU"

"Happy birthday to you!" was the keynote of the six o'clock dinner in the college dining hall on January 21 under the direction of Miss Stipe, chairman of the social committee and dean of women.

Following the custom initiated by Miss Stipe four years ago, each faculty member and student having a birthday in the current month were invited guests at the three-course birthday dinner.

For the January birthday party the table was decorated with indoor plant gardens. Surrounding these gardens was an array of lighted candles of pastel shades, and colorfully set in the winter green were designs of birds of various kinds. Place cards in bird design marked each plate.

At the end of the second course Miss Stipe introduced the birthday guests and the other honorees of the occasion. Those not at the birthday table then joined in singing to the honorees "Happy Birthday to You."

The birthday guests were Miss Jeanne Owen, Master Bobby Joe Kilby, Georgia Bass, Cornelia Broome, Dorothy Casey, Mildred Cox, Woodson Fearing, Evelyn Anne Garrett, Janet Griffin, Marcelle King, Mildred Parks, Patty Lee Perry, Doris Jeanne Rountree, Mattie Snead, and Elizabeth Turner. The other guests at the table were Dr. and Mrs. Patten, Miss Stipe, Mr. and Mrs. Kilby, Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Parks, and Oscar Fuller of V-12, now at home on a ten-day leave from Bainbridge, Maryland.

Sign in Columns Register

Inside the heavy wooden covers of a book with large raised wooden letters spelling "Columns," is begun a record destined, it would seem, to hold lasting interest. "Columns Register" was designed especially to be a means of permanent record of our Louisburg boys in service, as they return to Alma Mater from time to time. The book was purchased by gifts of students now at Louisburg.

It is especially appropriate that Eaton Holden, the elected editor-in-chief of "Columns" for 1943-44, now in the Army, was the first to sign in the register; and that Oscar Fuller, elected editor-in-chief of "The Oak" and soon after, inducted into the Navy, was the second to sign. One section of the book is being used for the registering of former members of the staffs of "Columns" and "The Oak." Especially former students now in service are urged, when on the campus, to go by the English office and write in "Columns" Register.

The book will doubtless more and more endear itself to us as it increasingly becomes a record of former students who made their contribution while at Alma Mater and who beyond college walls are offering an even greater gift of service and sacrifice.

FRATERNITIES ISSUE BIDS

The three honorary fraternities of Louisburg College—Beta Phi Gamma, Alpha Pi Epsilon, and Phi Theta Kappa—have marked the close of the first semester by bidding and initiating members. Official and social events have featured the season.

Beta Phi Gamma Taps New Members

The Rho Chapter of Beta Phi Gamma, the junior-college college division of Alpha Phi Gamma, a national co-educational journalistic fraternity, held its first tapping of the current scholastic year at the chapel hour Friday morning, January 21.

The stage was decorated in the fraternity colors, black and white, with the Greek letters for Beta Phi Gamma displayed on a banner at the center back of the stage. At the center front was a table bearing tokens of journalism: pen, blotter, newspapers, annual, Bible, and a volume of literature.

The program began with a prelude followed by the audience singing "O Young and Fearless Prophet." The local Beta Phi Gamma ritual was read by the three members: Mary E. Midyette, president of the chapter; Eaton Holden, on furlough from the army, and Ruth Pegram. These then tapped eleven students who were invested with academic robes as preliminary to initiation to membership in the fraternity.

The pledges were the following: from the staff of COLUMNS, Douglas Bryant, Elizabeth Harris, Mary Lee Hodges, Joyce Meekins, Mildred Parks, Barbara Thorson, Charlotte Usher, Mary Strowd Ward, and Robert Williford; from the staff of The Oak, Lois Asbell, acting editor-in-chief, and Shirley Smith, literary editor.

The initiation date is due in approximately three weeks.

Alpha Pi Epsilon Initiates Members

Alpha Pi Epsilon, national honorary secretarial fraternity, has inducted twelve new members: William Corwin, Beatrice Fulcher, Margaret Gooch, Mary Hudgins, Hope Price, Nannie Roberson, Nancy Rollins, Frances Spivey, Doris Suits, Patricia Tucker, Shirley Williams, and Elva Young. The first meeting was held Saturday afternoon, Tuesday morning in chapel the new members were formally presented to the student body.

The program consisted of a song by the audience, devotional and prayer by Louise Turner, the history of Alpha Pi Epsilon by King Moore Willis, the history of the Lambda Chapter by Annie Louise Sherlock, and the recognition of the new members and presentation of their keys and scrolls by Barbara Thorson. The program was concluded with the singing of the official club song of Alpha Pi Epsilon by the members and initiates.

The ceremony was observed in a suggestive setting of candlelight and a huge design of the fraternity key centered above the table in the middle of the stage. Each of the girls wore a white Grecian robe.

Friday afternoon the official initiation with members of the faculty present was held in the faculty parlor, Barbara Thorson, president, presiding.

Friday evening a formal banquet was given by the old members in honor of the initiates at the home of Mrs. V. R. Kilby.

EXAMS, EXAMS, and Still More EXAMS!

Several forlorn and despondent-looking students gathered around the bulletin board and gazed dolefully at the sad news posted there—exam schedules!

"Three hours for each one!" someone said hoarsely. "I don't know enough on all my subjects combined to write three hours."

Another despairing student: "Trig. and English on the same day! That's enough to kill anyone who is human—what will I do?"

Such were the remarks of dejection and gloom from January 13 to January 18. Exams again!

With shaking hands, faltering steps, and low spirits, most students took their first examination on the morning of the fourteenth. A few exams were short and sweet—most were long and gruesome. Sometimes it was the exam. itself; other times it was such directions as the following that drove students frantic:

"Now put the second part of the third question under Roman numeral one, little a, under five, in the third exam. book on the sixth page on the fourth line from the bottom."

Warning signs hung on doors, lights burned until late hours, and

radios were disconnected; the dormitories were quiet except for an occasional moan or sob. One had only to punch a trig. student to hear, "Sine (AB) — Sine A Cos B Cos A Sine B"; a typing student to hear, "space once after commas and twice after periods"; or an English comp. student to hear, "The subject of the infinitive is in the objective case, page 16, sentence 11."

Finally, however, the days of grueling torture ended. It is hard to say whether final exams. were finished by students, or students finished by final exams.