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## Boys Win in Stunts

The boys of Wright won first place on Stunt night when they showed their knowledge of the happenings of a bridge party in a stunt Saturday evening, November 11, which awarded them the first prize of a box of assorted candies. Second prize was awarded to the tied second winners: the old maids' stunt of Davis and Wright, and the shoe-store portrayal of third-floor Franklin.

Wright and Davis girls started the fun with a scene showing Margaret Dement, Winifred Bell, and Louise Reeves as despairing old maids. Alene Smith as a remodeling agent appeared and soon transformed the three into charming young ladies. Two suitors arrived, Ann Dunham and Claire Barnes; and, though the appearance and manner of each was fantastic and obnoxious, they yet set the stage for a contest in romance, ending happily for even the unsuccessful.

The second-floor Franklin presented Rose Graham walking down Fifth Avenue and suddenly stopping with her head in the air. Many others appeared and looked with wonder toward the sky. Rachel Jones finally asked what everyone was seeing. Rose calmly stated she was waiting for a doctor to cure a crick in her neck. "The 'Gathering of Nuts' began with Rachel Jones calling a dozen or more girls of second-floor Franklin and ended with her announcing that they were the nuts. In tumbling stunts Gladys Dickerson with the help of Margie

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## War Fund Drive Made

The recent campus War Fund drive began with a program including talks by Miss Stipe and Talmadge Lancaster on world conditions and needs and the singing of patriotic songs. The drive brought \$120 dollars before November 11, falling short of the goal that the group had set of \$230 dollars, but representing gifts of a hundred persons.

A colorful booth decorated in the national colors of the flag was set up at the entrance of the social hall, where members of the war activities committee took charge by twos during the period of the campaign, November 6-11.

The other members of the committee are: Dorothy Casey, Dorothy Coltran, Vivian Creech, Fred Davis, Jimmy Flythe, Mary Goodwin, Mattie Snead, Emily Taylor, and Charlotte Usher. It has been resolved that, in view of the decision that the activities of the committee are to enlarge beyond drives for war funds, the name of the group will be changed to Campus Activities Committee.

**WE GIVE THANKS**  
 Because there was a first Thanksgiving,  
 Because there are sunsets and autumn days,  
 Because there are schools and free-speaking men,  
 Because we may assemble and have no fears of others,  
 Because we have God's word,  
 Because there is still the ideal of peace—  
 For these we give our thanks, Dear God.

## Wartime Thanksgiving Observed on Campus

### Candlelight Services Held by Y's

Two candlelight services marked the initiation of YM and YWCA officers and the recognition of cabinet and other members.

The officers were initiated November 9. After a hymn Woodson Fearing read the call to worship and Langill Watson led in prayer. The two Y presidents, Woodson Fearing and Frances Merritt, read a responsive reading.

Sponsors of the YWCA (Miss Merritt and Mrs. Stanton) and the sponsor of the YMCA, Mr. Carmichael, lighted candles at a tall central white taper, representing world light, expressing their acceptance of their responsibility as sponsors. The presidents of the Y's, Woodson Fearing and Frances Merritt, lighted their candles at the central flame and spoke words of loyalty to their tasks. They then lighted the candles of the officers and gave them the charge of their duty. Those thus receiving the light and charge were, for the YWCA, Mary Lee Hodges, senior vice-president; Barbara Howard, secretary; Carol Bessent, junior vice-president; Pat Perry, treasurer; and for the YMCA, Langill Watson, vice-president.

Cabinet members and new YWCA members were recognized at a program, Nov. 16. Led by the president, cabinet members filed on to the stage with lighted candles and formed a triangle as they held blue streamers with *Body, Mind, Spirit* lettered in white suggesting the Y-symbol. They then sang "Father of Lights." The president, Frances Merritt, spoke words of welcome. Helen Thigpen, worship chairman, led in prayer. Mary Lee Hodges, senior vice-president, led a litany. Then in semi-circular formation, cabinet members spoke words to explain and accept their duties of office and chairmanship. Miss Merritt spoke words of appeal for a year of spiritual growth on the campus. Mrs. Stanton followed with an explanation of the purpose of the YWCA.

The president spoke words of challenge to the new members, and the officers went to the audience to light the member's candles. Then all held their lighted candles, as the president spoke the pledge of membership, which all repeated. Miss Merritt gave the benediction.

Upon leaving the auditorium, members were given YWCA buttons.



### Harpist Presents Concert

Miss Gertrude Hopkins, harpist, gave a concert before an interested listening audience of students of the college and other auditors in the auditorium, Nov. 21. Before playing Miss Hopkins gave the history of the harp, then gave the first group of her selections for the evening. The artist next explained the construction of the harp, mentioning that it has 2,400 parts and is made of wood seasoned for about fifteen years! The second part of the program included the especially appreciated "Waltz in A Flat," by Brahms, and a musical piece by Grandjany dedicated to Miss Hopkins, for which she wished the students to suggest a title. Before the third part of the program Miss Hopkins spoke of the mechanism of the harp. Miss Hopkins played as en-

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### Hedden Family Honored At Birthday Party

The entire Hedden family were honor guests at the college birthday party, November 14. Honoring Mr. and Mrs. Hedden as friends of the college the past four years and now retiring residents of the Louisburg Methodist parsonage, Katherine Champion presented to Mr. Hedden a lamp and to Mrs. Hedden a vase, both gifts from the students; and Fred Davis presented to Mr. Hedden a sweater from the boys of Wright Dormitory. Mr. Hedden replied in appreciative words.

Dr. Patten then paid tribute to Mr. Hedden as one who had made for himself a place in the hearts of the college family and presented him with a check. Mr. Hedden graciously expressed thanks.

Miss Stipe presented the twenty-three birthday guests and the student body sang "Happy Birthday."

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### Usual Routine Lightened With Events

A comparatively uneventful Thanksgiving is planned for Louisburg College, November 23. Classes will be held as usual, and different programs interspersed.

Thanksgiving service will be given at the Methodist Church at 10:30 a.m. by Dr. J. Marvin Culbreth, the college students being privileged to attend.

The traditional Thanksgiving dinner will be given at 6:00 p.m. in the college dining hall.

### Y's Give Program

The YWCA and the YMCA will give a Thanksgiving program in the auditorium at 7:00 p.m. The program opens with the audience singing "We Gather Together." Scripture reading and prayer are offered by Marjorie Currin. A background of music of "Come Ye Thankful People, Come," is played throughout the interpreting of the theme of thankfulness for everyday things of the kind that people generally pass daily but too seldom realize as valuable objects at their disposal. The first object mentioned for which to be thankful is the soil. Carol Bessent holds an ear of corn and reads a Bible verse of thanks. Then Russell Clay, holding soil in his hand, gives his words of thanks. Secondly, thanks is given for beauty of art and of nature.

Junius Creech, holding a painting, reads a Bible verse of thanks. Emily Taylor, holding a flower, gives her thanks for beauty. Thankfulness for athletics is expressed with a Bible verse by Dorothy Cothran holding a tennis racket. Samuel Leheu, holding a football, follows with his note of thankfulness. Thankfulness for knowledge is voiced by Grace Turnage with books and Harold Carroll with a laboratory test tube. Thankfulness for patriotism is represented by Roscoe Arnold, who holds a flag. Bird Ramsey, holding a Statue of Liberty torch, gives her own thankfulness, for patriotism. Thankfulness for freedom of religion is represented by John Perry holding a Bible and reading a verse of thankfulness. Martha Kime, holding a cross, gives a note of thanks for the freedom the Americans have in their religion.

The program closes with the participants singing "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."

### SUPERLATIVES CHOSEN

The superlatives of the senior class were recently elected, preparatory to their inclusion in *The Oak* of 1945. Allison Modlin was chosen the ideal student; Talmadge Lancaster, best boy sport; Dorothy Casey, best girl sport; Mary Goodwin, best liked girl; Fred Davis, best liked boy; Vivian Creech, most original; and Pat Perry, most friendly.

## Thanksgiving '44 Far-Flung

Here we are waiting to go up to the front—maybe tomorrow, and tomorrow is Thanksgiving. All we guys are wondering what we would be doing if we were back in the good old U. S. A.

The Joe from California says he would sleep all morning and to make the day special, he and the folks would go out to a night club giving special Thanksgiving floor show.

The guy from Iowa said he would get up early that morning to go hunting with some of the neighbors. Then about two o'clock in the afternoon they would all be back for a humdinger of a dinner. From the way he talked, those Iowa women must be some cooks.

Then old Kwitkosky (he's the guy

from Brooklyn) ups and says, "Youse guys are making this thing sentimental, you will bust my heart if you don't stop. Now, the way I look on this is that it's just a day off work, a good time to catch a little shut-eye. In the afternoon at home, I would wander over to Mike's for a couple of hamburgers, then over to grab my squaw for us to take in a movie. That's Thanksgiving for me."

Then there was the fellow from Vermont. He was quiet in what he said. He told us there would probably be snow on the ground in Vermont. He and his brother would rise early to see if they could track down anything. When they came in, Mom would have a steaming breakfast on the table and would be cheerfully

complaining with them for being a few minutes late. After breakfast, they would go out to the village church for a special Thanksgiving service. They would give thanks to God that the Pilgrims had founded this country and given rise to the world's most liberal Christian nation.

This fellow from Vermont has the right idea about Thanksgiving. We fellows here on the front are truly thankful to God for having given us a country with somewhere an emphasis on what counts—something really worth fighting for. We pray to God that Thanksgiving 1945 will find us back home once more enjoying Thanksgiving in peaceful America, having left to the whole earth some heritage of peace.