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The White Cliffs Read By Mr. Carmichael

Alice Duer Miller's beloved poem *The White Cliffs* was read by Mr. Carmichael in a joint Y-meeting in chapel Nov. 2, previous to the showing of the movie at the Louisburg Theater.

A charmingly interesting English world was created as Mr. Carmichael led his listeners through the lights and shadows of the poem. The interpretation and expressiveness with which Mr. Carmichael read the poem held his audience in appreciative silence, implying their prevailing captured mood.

Preceding this reading on the program was the Arnold's "Dover Beach," read by Mollie Fearing, in a rich, feeling voice, revealing the somber beauty of the poem. Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata," played by Ida Liskey, furnished a background that enhanced the effect.

Closing the program Bird Ramsey, Helen Hasty, Louise Huff, and Taylor Stephenson sang "The White Cliffs of Dover," Taylor taking a solo part.

PLAYS TO BE GIVEN BY ORGANIZATIONS

Three plays are scheduled for the closing days before the holiday season.

"The Efficient Secretary" will be presented by the Commercial Club at the chapel period December 15. The students taking part are Abner Askew, Mildred Cox, Kenneth Fuller, Margaret Gooch, and Elva Young. Mrs. Kilby, sponsor of the club, is coaching the play.

"A Candle in the Window," a Christmas play, will be presented by the Dramatic Club under the direction of Mr. Carmichael, English and speech teacher, Dec. 20. The students portraying the characters are Marie Barco, Mary Frances Cattle, Harold Carroll, Betty King, and Frances Lovelace.

"The Nine Who Were Mother" will be presented by the speech class under the supervision of Mr. Carmichael, with Winifred Bell as student director. The characters are Woodson Fearing, Allison Modlin, Carolyn Moore, George Long, Bob Bickle, Barbara Eat- (Continued on Page 3)

Miss Lewis Highlights Christmas Festivities

Girls' Glee Club Sings Christmas Carols



Photo by Bob Bickle, as was the front-page picture of the October and the November issue just past. Five members of the Glee Club in costume were among those caroling at the junior party to seniors: reading left to right, Lynn Ballantine, Elsie Jenkins, Taylor Stephenson, Ida Liskey, Katharine Champion

Banquet Features Season, Honors Birthday Guests

Miss Nell Battle Lewis was guest speaker at the annual Christmas-birthday banquet in the college dining hall Dec. 12. Her timely talk, "The Individual's Responsibility Toward Peace," held attentive listeners.

"The future belongs to you, and you must be the architects of the future," began the speaker in her after-dinner speech addressing mainly her student audience. She went on to say that the future is more important than ever before, depending largely upon what the students now in college will do toward making it.

Four outstanding needs in working toward peace were set forth: first, faith in oneself, in the importance and effectiveness of his part in a democracy. "What we think has bearing on the fate of the world," affirmed Miss Lewis. The second need mentioned was faith in peace as a practical proposition, over against cynicism that believes men will always fight, "that the idea of world peace is a Utopian dream." Human nature, she maintained, can be changed, depending upon the individual.

The third point was that a person should be intellectually alive to the paramount issues of his day, acquainted with the proposals for peace, and clear in his personal opinion about them. "Public sentiment is nothing but the aggregate of the opinions of individuals. . . grand in its potentialities for tragedy or hope," asserted the speaker, adding that the United States is on the verge of emerging from its adolescence and taking its place in the world. Fourth came an appeal to abandon supernaturalism, which, the speaker said, thrives at the expense of others. "Let us leaven our nationalism with humility, with concern for the other peoples of the world," urged Miss Lewis, emphatically declaring that world peace is not a political but a spiritual matter.

Miss Lewis was introduced by Dr. Patten, who paid tribute to her father as founder of the North Carolina State Department of Health, and also to Miss Lewis' contribution to the public through her weekly column, "Incidentally," in the *News and Observer*.

Miss Stipe introduced the seventeen birthday guests, who were applauded as they rose. The other guests sang "Happy Birthday To You." Katharine Champion sang "There's a Song in the Air," and Taylor Stephenson "Cantique de Noel."

Twenty off-campus guests were at the banquet table. The speaker's table was set across the center of the dining hall, where twenty-five of the (Continued on Page 3)

PEACE DISCUSSED BY MRS. BAGBY

"In Time of War Prepare for Peace" was the theme of a discussion led by Mrs. Bagby at the YWCA meeting Nov. 30.

She included special reference to the life and preparedness of the college student, speaking of the college student's role in the postwar world. The speaker also declared that there must be self-imposed discipline, looking towards the days in the future when there will have to be sacrifice for returned service men. Mrs. Bagby then inquired about the worth of any particular class, citing history and physical education specifically, the former as teaching how to profit from the mistakes of the past, the latter aiding in the building of a strong body. Students participated in the discussion.

Norma Swain, in charge of the program, read the scripture, offered prayer, and announced the numbers on the program.



Germany Discussed by I. R. C.

Germany's future was the topic of the I. R. C. discussion, Nov. 22. Kay Champion maintained that, if Germany is given a fair chance at the peace table, it may again become a strong nation contributing to mankind. Talmadge Lancaster explained the three divisions that many people feel should constitute the postwar Germany and brought out the advantages of the division, defending the idea of a dismembered Germany. His opponent undertook to show the disadvantages of destroying a nation and making it dependent upon the rest of the world.

A number of students participated in the discussion, carrying it on between occasional remarks by Advisor Kilby who now and then threw out ideas leading to more discussion.

Music Students Presented in Program

Piano and voice students of Mrs. Stanton, director of music, were presented in several varied numbers at the chapel hour, Nov. 24.

Talmadge Lancaster read Scripture passages on music. Fred Davis offered a prayer of Thankfulness for blessings, including music. Woodson Fearing read a poem, entitled, "I Am Music."

Betty Cash, a first-year student in piano, played three folk tunes: "March," "Old Time," and "Happy Rosina." Other piano students, second year, participated: Alene Knott effectively played "Bells," by Thompson; Barbara Howard, "Melody in Dawn," by Rogers; Elsie Willis, "Waltz in a Flat" by Brahms, and "Consolation," by Schumann; Ida Frances Liskey "Mendelssohn's 'Hunting Song.'" Kay Champion and Taylor Stephenson, two voice students, sang, respectively, "Bend of the River" by Clara Edwards and "Caro Mio ben" (Italy) by G. Giardani.

The performers in instrumental and vocal numbers evidenced having experienced something of the perseverance and discipline that an art demands, and some numbers exemplified understanding interpretation.

Music students are making their contribution to campus life by taking part on various programs.

The True Meaning of Christmas

Each year at Christmas many people ask themselves or others, "Just what is the true meaning of Christmas?" or "Do I know the true meaning of Christmas?" To these questions I answer this: "If you are willing to forget what you have done for other people and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you and to think what you owe the world; to put your duties before your rights;

to recognize the fact that your fellowmen (regardless of race, color, or creed) are just as human as you are, and need the joy you might carry to their hungry hearts; to close your book of complaints and try to do something about the heart-aches of others; to radiate happiness wherever you go—if you are willing to do these things, even for a day, then you know the true meaning of Christmas and experience its blessing.

Christmas Then Peace Christmas Now War

Shepherds were protecting their sheep as a mother lovingly cared for her young child. They were studying the heavens, and an exceeding bright star they saw. It led them to a stable — a new-born babe wrapped in swaddling clothes. Christ was born! thus a new hope was grasped by the people — a light to guide their paths.



Men are protecting their country with memories in their hearts of homes, safe for mothers, wives, children, sweet-hearts. They lie in dug-outs, stand on decks of ships, sit in their cockpits — searching the skies — fearing some light that might rain death. They look too for the day when lights will mean the halo of peace, and life new and luminous.

With sincere sympathy
to Charlotte Usher
in the loss of her father
and
to Miss Marjorie Crisp
in the loss of her brother