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"FOR [WE]  
DIPPED INTO  
THE FUTURE

FAR AS  
HUMAN EYE  
COULD SEE"

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## Music Recital Given

The piano and voice pupils of Mrs. Margaret McGlammery Stanton gave a recital in the auditorium May 25. The program was as follows: "Sicilienne" (Schuman), by Betty Cash; "Minuet" (Rogers), and "Waltz" (Streabog), by Mary Frances Oakley; "Song of the Mariner" (Steiner), by James King; "By The Bend of the River" (Edwards), by Mildred Davis; "She Never Told Her Love" (Haydn), and "Clouds" (Charles), by Elsie Jenkins; "Scerzo" (Heaps), and "Consolation" (Mendelssohn), by Isabelle Regan; "Dedication" (Franz), and "If I Could Tell You" (Firestone), by Dorothy Powell; "Caro Mio Ben" (Giordani), and "To You" (Speaks), by Carol Besant; "Light Cavalry" (Suppe), and "Barcarolle" (Offenback) by Jacqueline Collie; "Valse Charmante" (Mainville) by Caroline Cobey; "Menuel A L'Antique" (Paderewski), by Hazel Stephenson; "Thou Art Repose" (Schubert), by Barbara Eatman; "Out of My Soul's Great Sadness" (Franz), and "Morning" (Speaks), by Arline Cockrell; "Sapphic Ode" (Brahms), and "Who is Sylvia" (Schubert), by Kay Champion; "Hunting Song" (Mendelssohn), by Mary Nelson Smithwick; "Sonata V Allegro" (Mozart), by Barbara Howard; "Variations on 'Nell Cor'" (Beethoven), and "May Night" (Oakgren), by Elsie Willis.

The program gave evidence of talent and musical ability.

## Fraternity Medals Awarded

Mildred Cox and Barbara Thorson were the recipients of medals from Alpha Pi Epsilon and Phi Theta Kappa fraternities, respectively, at the Senior Class Day Program, Saturday, May 26.

The Alpha Pi scholarship medal is awarded annually to the outstanding student in the commercial department. Nancy Rollins, the first to receive the medal, was the 1943-44 winner.

The presentation of the Phi Theta Kappa was the first of its kind for the fraternity. Service and loyalty to the fraternity on the part of the recipient are the bases for the award.

The medal winners have served unsparingly as presidents of their fraternities. It is chiefly through their efforts that the clubs have become more outstanding on the campus than ever before in achievement and leadership.

Charlotte Usher was presented the Brantley Medal for the best-all-around woman student in the senior class, graduating *cum laude*. Charlotte has been editor of COLUMNS this year, being associate editor last year; a member of Beta Phi Gamma both years, being president this year; vice president of the Y. W. C. A. last year and Blue Ridge Representative this year; a member of Phi Theta, the Dramatics Club, the Athletic Association, the Monogram Club, and the Campus Activities Committee. Her first year she was a marshal.

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## ECHOES

"If youth has a zest for big tasks, there is no limit to their possibilities. Only through this method, together with determination, could the highest purposes and plans be executed."

—Ex-Governor Broughton.  
"We weave the thread of the future into our farewell. . ."

—Valedictorian.  
"We not only had to learn books. We had to learn people, our world, and life."

—Salutatorian.  
"It is easier to know what to do than to venture to do it, but the new self or new attitude of mind is the source of venture for the building of a new world, built on the basis of the likeness of God for the peace of man."

—Dr. Clark.  
"Between now and sunset we must take advantage of our opportunities. . ."

—Dr. Hobbs.  
"The future of tomorrow depends on what youth thinks. . . appointments come to those who are prepared to receive them. . ."

—Mrs. Highsmith.

# Final Exercises Held After 158th Year

## Clark Delivers Baccalaureate Sermon

"The most immediate thoughts of all peace-loving men are turning now to building a new world. But a new world requires a new nation; a new nation requires a new self; and a new self requires a creation in the likeness of God," said Dr. Kenneth W. Clark, Associate Professor of New Testament Language and Literature at the Duke Divinity School of Duke University, as he spoke to the seniors in the Baccalaureate Sermon delivered in the Louisburg Methodist Church, May 27.

Basing his remarks on the literal translation of Eph. 4:23, "You must adopt a new attitude of mind and put on the new self which has been created in the likeness of God," Dr. Clark cautioned the graduates that they "stood on the brink of an uncharted future in an uncertain world," and urged that they adjust themselves to new ideas, new ideals, new conceptions of life, that they may not find themselves reverting to the trend of the old world which "was not adequate before the war and will certainly not be adequate in the new conception of life after the war has ended."

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## Dr. Patten Gives Farewell Chapel Message

Dr. Patten spoke to the students at the chapel hour Tuesday, May 18, 1945. Reading from Timothy, he stressed the verse "Neglect not the gift that is in thee." The speaker declared: "Because you are youth, do not allow that fact to keep you from living at your best and contributing your best to the world." Comparing the status to that of Esau and Jacob and the question of the birthright, he urged that none sell the birthright, but take a great heritage and a grand opportunity for real service in home, church, and community. Those students who will not be returning Dr. Patten especially implored to take the ideals that have been highest and that have meant most in their college life and transfer them to their future areas of living. Louisburg College is proud of its graduates who go out into the world a success, and rightly so, as are all such institutions. "Neglect not the gift that is in thee."

The president urged a sense of mission in proportion to opportunities.

## COMMENCEMENT PROCESSION AND SPEAKERS



—Photo by Charles Skinner.  
Upper inset, ex-Governor J. Melville Broughton; lower inset, Dr. Kenneth W. Clark.

## "Tears, Idle Tears..."

"Tears, idle tears. . ." we know now what they mean. Rain was just rain, and not, as some poets say, "glistening drops of heavy dew;" the steps were just something to be climbed; the columns were just four tall white posts; and the shadows of the oak trees were just dark spots that added to our gloom. Inside we found a maze of strange faces; and the dormitories presented an ominous spectre of darkness, of countless doors, and of endless hallways. The rooms just weren't like home. The walls were perfectly blank; the floors were bare; the view just outside the window was just space. How we vowed we would never return if once we got back home!

But now we see our surroundings with a different eye. The steps are now an upward path leading to an open door of friendship and fellowship. The four stately columns stand tall and straight in all the splendor of their gothic beauty—they are now a source of inspiration and a monument to the higher ideals of life. Inside, the hallways are familiar paths, and each room harbors friends. The rooms are now our homes. The walls

## Miss Stipe Entertains

Miss Stipe entertained members of the faculty, outgoing members of Women's Student Government, and Talmadge Lancaster, chairman of the Campus Activity Committee, at a dinner Thursday evening, May 17.

White candles surrounded centerpieces of snap dragons, sweet peas and ragged robbins. The theme of the banquet was graduation, and a doll, dressed in cap and gown, holding a diploma, was in the center of the table. Each guest was presented with a mock-diploma, which he had to read to the other guests. The three-course dinner consisted of tomato juice, a salad plate, strawberries, ice cream, and cake.

Miss Stipe commended the Women's Student Government for the work it had done and also expressed appreciation to Lancaster for his work as chairman of the Campus Activities Committee. The guests sang "Auld Lang Syne" before leaving.

## President and Mrs. Patten Entertain

President and Mrs. Patten entertained at tea in the president's home on Sunday afternoon, May 27, in honor of the graduating class, alumni, faculty, student body, and friends of the college. Guests were received in the house by the hosts and members of the faculty. Mrs. V. R. Kilby presided at the punch bowl. Orange ice, flavored with ginger ale, and cakes, attractively decorated with L. C. and 1945 and colorful mints were served. The table was attractively decorated with a centerpiece of mixed flowers surrounded by yellow candles.

College marshals—Helen Thigpen, Marie Barco, Arline Cockrell, Carolyn Driver, and Mollie Fearing—served.

Just before leaving, each caller was directed to the library to sign in the guest book.

are a panorama of scenes of home, and the floors are mazes of colorful rugs. The view outside our window is now an endless scene of the works of nature. And now, as we turn our steps toward home, we find that there is a regret in having to leave our Alma Mater. Home is just as wonderful, but somehow we feel that in leaving our Alma Mater, we are leaving some phase in our life which can never be recaptured in all the joyfulness of youth. "Tears, idle tears."—we know now what they mean.

## Broughton Addresses Students

"Louisburg College represents in North Carolina something unique and very precious—reaching beyond the century mark," began ex-Governor Broughton in his address to the graduating class at the Methodist Church at 10:00 a.m., Monday, May 28, 1945.

His address centered around the need for youth to attack the rebuilding of our world with vigor and enthusiasm, or as he said, "If youth has a zest for big tasks, there is no limit to their possibilities. Only through this method, together with determination, could the highest purposes and plans be executed."

## Diplomas and Certificates

Diplomas were presented by Dr. Patten as follows: Associate in Arts Degrees—Frances Jean Allen, Clara Lee Bailey, Katherine C. Champion, Dorothy Ann Cothran, Mildred Joyce Cox, Evelyn Anne Garrett, Margaret Julia Gooch, Mary Lee Hodges, Dorothy Lee Kennedy, Lillian Marcelle King, Purvis Talmadge Lancaster, Frances Willard Merritt, Mary Allison Modlin, Louise Folb Oden, Mattie Sanders Snead, Barbara Lou Thorson, Charlotte Ruth Usher, Mary Strowd Ward, Frances Anne Whitehead, Earline Whitehurst.

Secretarial certificates were presented to the following—Peggy O'Neil Boyd, Margaret Burkhardt, Susie Lee Burnette, Lena Mae Carden, Blanche Carter, Hazel Taylor Case, Mary Margaret Clegg, Helen Frances Coggins, Eula Frances Collie, Thelma Elizabeth Cox, Evelyn Marie Davie, Gladys O'Delle Dickerson, Earldine Doxey, Julia Elizabeth Duke, Ann Elizabeth Dunham, Jane Dunham, Anna Lucille Eakes, Edith Ferrell, Gladys Marie Gibbs, Edna Rose Graham, Margie Frances Hagwood, Anna Mae Harris, Mary Catherine Hart, Helen Hasty, Sue Hobbs, Barbara Howard, Louise Huff, Vivian Ann Johnson, Merle Gene Jones, Rachel Grey Jones, Rebecca Kimball, Betty Margaret King, Hazel Gray Lassiter, Ida Liskey, Rebecca Frances Lovelace, Mary Carolyn Moore, Virginia Morgan, Mary Frances Morton, Jackie Peterson, Kathryn Grey Pierce, Etta Mae Price, Bird Ramsey, Carolyn Isabelle Regan, Mary Alice Roberson, Margaret Allyne Smith, Marjorie Williams Smith, Norma Doloris Swain, Emily Taylor, Etta Grace Turnage, Alma Lucille Tutor, Carolyn Adele Wehnerberg, Ila Mae West, Katherine Elaine White, Alice Grey Woodlief, Alice Marie Woodlief. Those receiving accounting certificates were Reid Harris and Stanley Lewis.

## Honors and Scholarships

Honors and scholarships were awarded to the following: magna cum laude graduate, Anne Whitehead; cum laude graduates, Barbara Thorson and Charlotte Usher; Duke Scholarship, Anne Whitehead; Louisburg College Scholarships, Rebecca Kimball and Mary Frances Oakley.

Charlotte Usher and Talmadge Lancaster received the Brantley Medals for the best all-around girl and boy students.

The marshals were as follows: Helen Thigpen, chief; Marie Barco, Arline Cockrell, Carolyn Driver and Mollie Fearing.

## Program Numbers

The service began with the entrance of the academic procession led by Dr. Amick. The opening prayer was given by Rev. H. S. Cobey, Rector of the Louisburg Episcopal Church. Special music was "Hear My Prayer," by Homblen, by Kay Champion. The hour closed with the benediction offered by Dr. Paul Bagby, Pastor of Louisburg Baptist Church.

## Students Get Annuals

The 1944-45 edition of the Louisburg College annual, *The Oak*, was delivered to the student body on May 19.

*The Oak* is dedicated to the oak trees on the campus. The theme of the dedication is carried out by having the table of contents on oak leaves. The cover of the book has the design of a wooden door.

A tribute is paid to Reverend E. H. (Continued on page 4)



Talmadge Lancaster  
Brantley Medal

Anne Whitehead  
Valedictorian

Barbara Thorson  
Salutatorian

Charlotte Usher  
Brantley Medal

## STUDENTS ACHIEVE HONORS

Anne Whitehead, Barbara Thorson, Charlotte Usher, and Talmadge Lancaster received honors at the 1945 commencement.

Anne Whitehead was valedictorian receiving at graduation the *magna cum laude* ribbon for scholarship. She has been president of the Women's Student Council this year, a member of the Glee Club and the Y. W. C. A. both years, corresponding secretary of Phi Theta Kappa this year, and a member of the Physical Ed. Club. During her first year she was a staff member of both COLUMNS and *The Oak*.

Barbara Thorson was salutatorian of her class, graduating *cum laude*. Bar-

bara was her first year at Louisburg a student in the commercial department, returning her last two years as a liberal arts student. Barbara has been president of Phi Theta Kappa this year, being vice president the second semester of last year; president of Alpha Pi Epsilon the first semester of last year, being treasurer her first year; vice president this year of the Woman's Student Council and of Beta Phi Gamma; business manager for *The Oak*; for the past two years managing editor of COLUMNS; a member of the Y. W. C. A., the Athletic Association, and the Monogram Club. Last year Barbara was chief marshal at commencement.