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Christmas skies
with the peace of age-
less stars.

COLUMNS

Christmas carols
with a calm unbroken
by bombs.

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Gift Presented To College

"Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it," as quoted by Emily Taylor in a presentation speech, might have been true in Mark Twain's day; but the practice was recently proved unpopular at Louisburg College, as Emily pointed out. Last year the faculty and students made a concentrated effort to do something about the old blue curtains in the auditorium and old train bell at the east side of Franklin, both dubbed out-of-date. The American Association of University Women also planned that the school should have some more paintings. All went to work and, with the money earned, purchased three kinds of additions to campus equipment. The presentation was made at the chapel hour, Dec. 7.

Presentation of the auditorium curtain was made by Emily Taylor, president of the Campus Activities Committee. This curtain was bought principally with the money raised by that committee. Also there were donations from COLUMNS, *The Oak*. boys of the YMCA who to raise funds served dining tables during a labor shortage in the spring of 1945, and from John McNeil, alumnus.

Presentation of the electric bell system was made by Mildred Parks, president of Phi Theta Kappa. The fraternity raised the amount by serving dining tables during the same shortage in the spring of 1945.

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CARMICHAEL SPEAKS

Robert Carmichael, a veteran of the Pacific and son of Mr. Carmichael of the Department of English, was the guest speaker at the IRC meeting, Dec. 12. In his discussions he brought out the facts that under the American army of occupation the average Japanese peasant goes about his daily living as he always has for centuries. It is not uncommon to see the whole family working side by side in the rice fields from early morning until dusk.

In many of the large cities which have been bombed, the Japanese are slowly rebuilding their small homes and have already started gardens to help prevent starvation. The Japanese are beginning to feel the cost of defeat and for the first time are being shown pictures and told the truth about the war.

A general discussion closed the hour.

CHRISTMAS FETES WELCOME THE YULETIDE

YMCA-YWCA Christmas Pageant

Poetry Reading Honors McFarland

A session of prose and poetry readings written by Louisburg alumni concerning the college was held in honor of Dan McFarland at 9:00 p.m., Dec. 1. The occasion was in recognition of McFarland as author of "Ode to Louisburg," written while he was in the armed forces in Algiers, repeatedly read to audiences on the Louisburg campus, but heard by the author for the first time on this occasion. The following pieces were read: "Columns," by Barbara Thorson, read by Mildred Parks; "The Class Poem of 1943," by Martha Ann Strowd, read by Mildred Boney; "The Columns," by Mattie Snead, read by Barbara Howard; "An Oak Tree," by Carol Besset, read by Billie Meggs. "Our Columns," by Evelyn Smithwick, read by Mary Frances Taylor; and "Ode to Louisburg," by Dan McFarland, read by Betty Thigpen. Ida Liskey at the piano accompanied the last poem with the musical selections used on other occasions. Poetry recordings with musical backgrounds were then played, suggestive of former English class sessions. Informal conversation drifted back to past college days and to McFarland's experience overseas.

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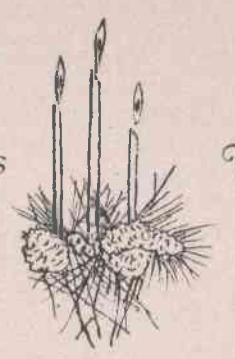
Joyous Christmas

"God



Bless Us

Sketch by Martha Kime

Every One"

American Brotherhood Week To Be Observed On Campus

American Brotherhood Week is to be observed next February 17-24. The purpose is to encourage national unity and to prevent the spread of prejudices and hatreds.

During the week the sponsor, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, is planning to give a national citation to the man or woman who best exemplifies the spirit of brotherhood among the groups of local communities.

Louisburg College has been asked to recognize this occasion and during the week to elect from the students body a person to receive the campus citation. The Association of American Colleges has requested that the local citation be made by President Patten.

Campus plans are to be made to observe the week as suggested.

Representation Discussed At Student Legislature

The most hotly debated question at the North Carolina Student Legislative Assembly, on Friday, Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 in the North Carolina State Capitol, was that of inviting Negroes to attend and participate in the tenth annual assembly next year. In a joint session of the Senate and the House Saturday, the students, with a vote of 110 to 48, opened the assembly to Negro institutions.

After the bill had been passed, Secretary of State Eure spoke to the students and cautioned them not to "jeopardize the beautiful picture toward which we are gradually moving." In answer to this appeal, Hunt, a U.N.C. delegate, declared that none would accomplish anything by standing still and that the action taken would mean much in solving the racial problem.

The assembly got under way Friday at two o'clock with addresses by Governor Gregg Cherry, Professor Paget of State College, and Secretary of State Thad Eure. Immediately following the addresses, Buddy Glenn, University of North Carolina delegate, introduced a motion that resulted in nearly four hours of heated debate Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. "It is time to recognize the Negro colleges on a basis of equality and eliminate the Fascist system of one race ruling the other," declared Glenn.

Representing Louisburg College in the Senate were Catherine Palmer and Wilton Walker. In the House of Representatives were Katie Blanton, Jean Fodrie, Horace Petty, and Jimmy Ragland. They were accompanied by Robert Carmichael, former Staff Sergeant, Company Command, 11th Airborne Division, and son of Professor J. W. Carmichael.

The bill that was to have been presented by the Louisburg students, "Teachers Pay and Qualifications," was withdrawn because of an almost identical bill presented by State College.

Dr. Holton Speaks at Banquet

Dr. Holland Holton, A.B., J.D., head of the Department of Education and chairman of the North Carolina Methodist College investigation committee, appeared as guest speaker for the annual Christmas banquet in the dining hall at 6:00 p.m., Dec. 14.

The speaker stressed the importance of high school graduates' continuing their education. Emphasis was placed on the need for college students to get a broader cultural background and a deeper sense of moral responsibility.

Special Christmas music and songs together with festive red and green table decorations enhanced the seasonal effect.

Y-Pageant and Glee Club Program

A Scripture pageant was presented by the Y's at 6:30 Sunday evening, Dec. 18. It portrayed the first Christmas through choric and monologic backstage readings, dramatization of the journey of the Shepherds and of the Wise Men and a tableau of the manger scene. Those appearing as shepherds were Alva Johnson, Lawerence Duncan, Dudley Stallings and Horace Petty. Those taking the part of the Wise Men were James Badgett, Gordon Etheridge, and Bill Bonhan. In the manger scene were "Mary," Hazel Stephenson; "Joseph," Wilton Walker; "Angels," Katie Blanton, Billie Meggs, and Peggy Von Cannon. The choric readings were given by Mr. Carmichael's public-speaking class: Mary Margaret Clegg, Jean Jodrie, Sam Lehew, Robert Mercer, James Ragland, Marion Smith, Wilton Walker, and Carolyn Wehrenberg.

The music was furnished by Miss Foster and students under her direction. The prelude was "Christmas Fantasia," played by Miss Foster. A duet, "Ageless Christmas," was sung by Margaret Starnes and Catherine Palmer.

Before the pageant four Christmas numbers were sung by the Glee Club.

Dickens' Christmas Carol

The traditional reading of Dickens' *Christmas Carol* was given by Dr. Patten on the evening of Dec. 17. Slides accompanied the reading showing Victorian engravings used in an early edition of the book and reproducing the England of Dickens' day. The transformation of Scrooge and the reward for the courage of crippled Tiny Tim were climaxed by Tiny Tim's "God bless us every one." Before the reading, Christmas carols were sung. The reading was followed by a family get-together in the social hall, where, amid decorative effects in Christmas motif, doughnuts and coffee were served.

Junior-Senior Christmas Party

The last gathering of the college circle before leaving for the holidays was the Christmas party. Around the traditional Christmas tree and Santa Claus was gathered the Louisburg family at a party given by the juniors to seniors and

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Never say there isn't a Santa Claus! Ever since olden days there has been Santa, and he has a good chance of living yet for long, long years. When we're young, he appears as a person just as real as our parents. As we grow older, he takes on even more significance as we recognize that, instead of being just a person, he is the true spirit of Christmas, best defined by the words, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

The Significance of Santa Claus