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## Urbana Student Conference Reported

Highlights of the Third Quadrennial National Methodist Student Conference, held at the University of Illinois, Urbana, Dec. 28 to Jan. 1, were presented at the chapel hour, Jan. 9. The speakers were four of the five Louisburg representatives: Miss Merritt, Abner Askew, Barbara Howard, and Jack Rasor. Askew gave ideas gained from the conference, citing the view that "the only way we can begin to try to solve this crisis is through God." He asserted that what the crisis needs most is Christianity. Quoting from the presiding officer's address, he continued, "We must learn with God and lead the Christian ways of life before we can hope to find peace, security, and happiness again." Askew also mentioned the crisis of color, or race, as the most dangerous of all, in the United States today, especially in relation to Negroes and Jews who desire to be treated as human beings.

Jack Rasor gave a report on the address made by Dr. Roy Burkhart, minister of Colombus, Ohio. From the address Rasor quoted the answer to the question "What is the church?" "The church is people with Christ in their souls and in their relationships. It is the body of people seeking the ways and the truth and manifesting the love of God in their lives." Rasor brought out also the point that the mission of the church is to help a person find the way, the truth, and the love of God and make those real in a local community. He mentioned also the disrupted phase of family life. "Hollywood, instead of the church is determining the pattern of marriages," he quoted from Dr. Burkhart, who, Rasor said, took the position that a young couple's relationship to Christ mattered more than anything else in the world in determining married happiness. At the close of his report Rasor left the question Dr. Burkhart had left with his audience at the Urbana Conference: "How effective are you and the retail end of your campus religion?"

Barbara Howard reported on the address by Dr. T. Z. Koo, a Chinese who was held in a Japanese prison camp for three years. Her report was based mainly upon this quotation from Dr. Koo's address: "Christian students of America have before them a vast field of opportunities in the mission work of reconciliation and rebuilding in Japan and other countries ravaged by war. Governments cannot heal the wounds of spirit and heart; only Christian love can do this."

"Faith in God is the hope of the world," the Chinese had declared. "Only through him, will we find peace, security and happiness once more."

### SUPERLATIVES CHOSEN

The senior superlatives for "The Oak" of 1946 have been elected as follows: ideal student, Mildred Boney; best all-round girl, Barbara Howard; best all-round boy, Floyd Evans; most athletic girl, Dorothy Casey; most original, Mary Frances Oakley; most popular, Ann Johnson; most friendly, Mary Frances Morton; and "The Oak's" choice of most versatile, Isabelle Regan.

## Artist Reveals Interesting Background

Beverly Dame, noted young soprano, in with her concert in the Louisburg College auditorium Dec. 11, charmed an almost capacity audience of students, faculty, and townspeople. Though only twenty years of age she showed unusual ability in diction, pronunciation, and interpretation, a fact that enhanced her popularity especially among the students of French, who actually recognized *oui* or *vous* or *amour*.

Miss Dame revealed a musical background as impressive as her language achievement. Her Cleveland, Ohio, family connections include Father Dame, a singer; Sister Dame, a ballet dancer; and Brother Dame (Donald, by name), a producer of radio programs of his own and at present, an artist affiliated with the Metropolitan Opera Company. Also, since nine years of age, Miss Dame has been studying music in various schools, including the Cleveland Institute of Music. She is now studying opera and dramatics in New York City.

Her favorite phase of her career is recital work before an appreciative, informal audience. She expects to begin a tour through Canada after Christmas. Though she looks forward to her scheduled concerts, she does not, she confessed, anticipate with especial eagerness the travel involved.

Somewhat disappointed at the necessity of a coat in the South, the artist admired, however, the friendliness of the Southerners she had met during this, her first trip among them. On the other hand, she expressed her fear of returning to New York speaking our college lings with a Southern drawl.

## STUDENTS ACHIEVE HONORS

HONOR ROLL, FIRST SEMESTER  
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COLUMNS presents the names of those students who stand prominent for scholastic achievement. The paper not only presents the names but congratulates those who have thus won distinction not only for themselves but for their college too.

Rank	Standing	Student
1	2.94	Leonard, Janice
2	2.93	Bullard, Polly
3	2.71	Whitley, Geraldine
4	2.70	Thigpen, Helen
5	2.59	Bynum, Margaret
5	2.59	Cox, Mildred
7	2.53	Mann, Charlotte
Honorable Mention		
8	2.46	Hale, Kathryn
9	2.41	Bright, Jean
9	2.41	Simmons, Joan
9	2.41	Taylor, Mary Frances
12	2.38	Howard, Barbara
13	2.28	Driver, Carolyn
14	2.27	Blanton, Katie
15	2.25	Walker, Wilton
16	2.24	Stallings, Esther
16	2.24	Clark, Mary Ruth
18	2.18	Alston, Bobbie
19	2.12	Haithecock, Rachel
20	2.06	Johnson, Joyce
20	2.06	Davis, Frances
20	2.06	Peele, Margie
23	2.05	Regan, Isabelle
24	2.00	Coleman, Nancy
24	2.00	Jernigan, Horace
24	2.00	Liskey, Ida
24	2.00	Meggs, Billie

By the streets of "by and by" one arrives at the house of "never."—Cervantes.

When I started writing themes in English last September, I felt like some one lost in an English fog.

—A former freshman.



THE REVEREND LEON RUSSELL  
Guest Minister

## Ann Johnson Will Reign As May Queen

Ann Johnson, attractive senior, president of the senior class, and a member of Alpha Pi Epsilon, has been chosen to reign as queen at the 1946 May Day festival at Louisburg College.

The ballots were cast in front of the post office Jan. 10 and the students heard the new queen announced the next day. Ida Liskey, runner-up in the election was declared maid of honor.

Girls who will serve as ladies of the court were elected as follows: Mae Bell, Mildred Boney, Marjorie Currin, Maxine Dodd, Helen Farrar, Rosa Hall, Joyce Johnson, Martha Kime, Mary F. Morton, Louise Reeves, Nellie Rose Stallings, and Ida L. White.

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## Dr. Culbreth and Chaplain McFarland Lead Preliminary Services

The Rev. Leon Russell, pastor of Saint Paul's Methodist Church, Goldsboro, comes to Louisburg campus Sunday, Jan. 27, as guest speaker and leader for the yearly Religious Emphasis Week.

The opening message was in the college auditorium at 7:00 p.m., Sunday. Immediately following, was the movie *Stanley and Livingstone* giving the life and labors of these English explorers and missionaries in Africa. Joining the campus group on that occasion was the local Church Methodist Youth Fellowship group, sponsored by Mrs. William Andrews.

Plans for Religious Emphasis week include Mr. Russell's messages at 7:00 p.m. Sunday through Friday and at the 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. chapel hour Tuesday through Friday, also opportunity for conference with individuals or small groups wishing to discuss personal problems of any kind. The emphasis in the message for the morning and evening hour is enrichment of personal devotional life and emphasis upon a Christian's duty toward others and practical ways of fulfilling it.

Special music under the direction of Miss Foster is planned for each evening hour.

Mr. Russell comes to the campus with a record of successful work with young people and a declared wish to serve Louisburg campus in the best way possible in the current religious effort.

### STUDENTS PRESIDE AT EVENING SESSIONS

Presiding over the evening sessions are student representatives of campus organizations: Sunday, Barbara Howard and Abner Askew, presidents of the Y's; Monday, Marjorie Currin and Robert Mercer, president of women's and of men's student government, respectively; Tuesday, Bobbie Alston and Mildred Boney, representing the Sunday School classes and college publications, respectively; Wednesday, Mildred Parkes and Ida Liskey, representing honor societies; Thursday, Helen Thigpen and Sam Lehw, representatives of college sports clubs; Friday, Peggy Von Cannon and Joe Davenport, officers of the Glee Club and of the I. R. C., respectively.

### VARIED PLANS LAUNCHED

Other plans of the week include a special message at the Sunday School worship hour, Jan. 27, on the subject, "The Call of God to Reality in Life," led by Isabelle Regan. A special series of devotions at the regular eight-fifteen morning-watch will be led by the following students: Catherine Palmer, James Badgett, Hazel Stephenson, Ida Lee White, Russell Ellis, and Marion Smith.

Mimeographed devotional readings prepared by students of the campus are being placed day by day in the dormitory rooms, these readings for the week having been written by the following students for the days Sunday through Saturday: Katie Blanton, Frances Davis, Lewis Bert Smith, Mary Jane Brown, Bill Bonham, Joe Davenport, Joyce Collier.

Preliminary to the Sunday service and designed to be preparatory to Religious Emphasis Week were the YWCA service Jan. 24 and the chapel hour Jan. 25. At the Y-service the Rev. J. M. Culbreth, local Methodist pastor and college teacher of Bible, talked on the triumph of the spiritual and the dedication

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### LIFE AT URBANA NATIONAL STUDENT CONFERENCE



Group picture: Miss Merritt, Ira L. Helms, Jr., Barbara Howard, Troy Barrett, Jack Rasor, Betty Thigpen, Abner Askew (Helms and Barrett were the representatives from Louisburg at the first Urbana conference, in 1941, and from State College and the School of Divinity at Duke, respectively, attended the recent second Urbana).

## Southerners Discover the North

(WITH APOLOGIES TO JOANATHAN DANIELS)

With Southerners discovering the North on a recent holiday trip to the National Methodist Student Conference at the University of Illinois certain findings linger—possibly worth sharing with others as facts and advice:

Since, for travelers going west from Cincinnati, time changes

from Eastern to Central Standard, don't expect the trip from Cincinnati to Indianapolis to be just one hour instead of the two hours that the time table shows.

As you pass through the state of Indiana, you may see a sight you've often seen in the movies, or one you've at last heard about from

someone: the beautiful Warbash River (we saw it frozen over and covered with a blanket of fleecy white snow—a really magnificent sight, you may know, to us Southern students.)

At the conference if you stand in a U. of I. cafeteria line where a

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