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Bishop Peele Delivers Baccalaureate Sermon

To graduates and certificate students Bishop W. W. Peele of the Richmond Area, Methodist Church, delivered his baccalaureate sermon, based on the Scripture "That I may know Him," in the Louisburg Methodist Church May 26.

The Bishop spoke of a scholar as "man thinking." It makes a difference what you think—about God, about this world, and about yourself. "Our thinking," he declared, "stops before centralities, finalities, and ultimates."

According to Diffendorfer, missionary to Japan, the speaker quoted, "To know what God knows and not to be what God is, is one of the most dangerous things in the world." In Bishop Peele's own words, "To have God's secrets in our minds without having God's character in our hearts is tragedy." In conclusion he left the thought that "It takes more than this world to make a man."

The college Glee Club, under the
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Dr. Glenn Gives Y-Sermon

Dr. John C. Glenn, minister of Duke Memorial Church, Durham, was guest speaker at the commencement joint Y-meeting May 26. His sermon was centered around aims that he would make great in his life if he were a college graduate again and knew what he now knows.

First, he said he would cultivate inner assurance and beauty; second, develop the habit of kindly deeds day by day; third, become acquainted with the hope-giving values of the Bible as a means of overcoming life's difficulties; and, fourth, choose Christ as his leader and guide for life.

The vesper service began with the Call to Worship by the YMCA president, Abner Askew. The congregation sang "Are Ye Able." Barbara Howard, YWCA president, read the scripture and offered a prayer. "Above the Hills of Time" was sung by Mr. Moon. President Patten introduced the speaker. Dr. J. Marvin Culbreth pronounced the benediction.

Music was furnished by Miss Sarah Foster. The five commencement marshals served on the occasion.

Miss Foster Presents Music Recital

The music pupils of Miss Foster were presented in recital May 24. Those playing piano solos were Mary Frances Oakley, "Happy Farmer" by Schumann; Marie Hazelwood, "Scarf Dance," Chaminade; Elizabeth Leonard, "Garotte," Haydn; Katie Blanton, "Minuet in G," Bach; Emma Deane Simmons, "Elizia," Massenet; "Mary Jane Brown," "Fur Elisi," Beethoven; Mary Frances Taylor, "Anitra's Dance," Grieg; Carolyn Cobey, "Valse Impromptu," Upercraft; Isabella Regan, "Walse in A Flat," Brahms; Hazel Stephenson, "Traumerai, Remonze," Schumann; Elwood Guilford, "Warrior's Dance," Holler; Joyce Johnson, "Ritual Fire Dance," De Falla; and Ida Liskey, "Valse Chromatique," Godard.

Vocal selections were given by Ann Hinnant, "Out of My Soul's Great Sadness," Franz; Jean Mc-

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Dr. Meyer Delivers Baccalaureate Address



"Let's think—these diplomas charge you with the obligation of beginning to think," declared Dr. Harold D. Meyer in his baccalaureate address to the graduating class May 27.

"Try to understand one another," he urged; "try to heal wounds."

The national aspect of life he presented, declaring that America with all of her faults has untold wealth and opportunity to offer her citizens, who should have faith in her. He stressed the wide open fields from which a person may today choose a vocation, citing the fact that there are over 8,000 choices today over against approximately 3,000 when he made his choice.

The family he pointed out as having infinite possibilities for effecting good, in spite of the darker side pictured in the divorce statistics.

The individual he emphasized as the final and most significant unit of life, as a being of too much greatness and significance to be molded by mere social patterns, regimentation, and standardization.

A final major emphasis he made upon the importance of believing in the South and building toward her future greatness.

His message centered around the words, "Watchman, what of the night?" He stressed the great im-

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Class Day Exercise Presented

Class Day exercises were staged on the southwest campus May 25 with the chimney memorial as a background. The class marched to music. The salutatory was given by Ida Frances Liskey. The class history was read by Martha Kime. The class poem was written and given by Mary Frances Oakley. The senior class sang the class song, which also was written by Mary Frances Oakley. The class prophecy was given by Mildred Parks. The last will and testament was made by Mildred Boney. A floor lamp, gift of the class, was presented to Dr. Patten to be used in the social hall. Mrs. Kilby presented an award to Ida Liskey for being the best-all-around secretarial student. The valedictory speech was given by Barbara Howard, after which the class sang "Alma Mater."

The music was furnished by Joyce Johnson. The five commencement marshals assisted in the exercise.

Commencement Echoes

"Don't you dare become a defeatist."—Dr. Harold D. Meyer.
"We need to nourish our souls on thoughts of God."—Bishop Peele.

"So many of us know what is right, but are not willing to do it."—The Rev. Roland Rainwater.

"Those who gave their lives in World War II have crowned man with a new reverence. They have enlarged the study of geography to the humanities."—Dr. J. Marvin Culbreth.

"I wish our schools to accept the task, not only of transmitting the wisdom of the ages, but the art of living together."—Dr. Harold D. Meyer.

"Carry on, finish the job—winning the war is a minor matter compared with winning the peace."—The Rev. Roland Rainwater.

"It's easy to trust God if you know Him."—Bishop Peele.

MEDALS AWARDED HONORARY STUDENTS

Barbara Howard was presented the Brantley Medal for the best all-around woman student in the senior class, graduating *cum laude*. Having been secretary last year, Barbara has this year been president of the YWCA and was an Urbana representative, a member of Beta Phi Gamma both years and vice president this year; a member of Alpha Pi Epsilon both years; a proof reader for COLUMNS this year and assistant managing editor and assistant news editor last year; a member of the Athletic Association, being secretary this year; a member of the Physical Education Club both years and this year member of the Monogram Club, Student Council, and ex officio member of the Central Religious Council and vice president of the senior class.

Ida Liskey was awarded the Alpha Pi Epsilon medal for outstanding work in the Commercial Department, at the class-day exercise May 25.

The winner was president of her fraternity one semester of her senior year. Other positions she held were editor of *The Oak*, member of the YWCA cabinet, the Glee Club, and the Commercial Club both years, social reporter for COLUMNS her first year, and member of the Physical Education Club of the Campus Activities Committee, and maid of honor of its May Court her second year.

These graduates represent unique aspects in the lifetime of COLUMNS, during that period Barbara, from Isle of Pines, Cuba, being the only Louisburg graduate residing outside the United States and Ida, from Elizabeth City, being the only commercial graduate with also advanced musical training.

STUDENTS ACHIEVE HONORS

There are many who will start with great enthusiasm and achievement; however, the number, though sometimes smaller, is more significant of those who either work up to worthy achievements or maintain to the end the high standard set. To these students who for the year 1945-46 have achieved honors the last mile of the race—special congratulations are offered by COLUMNS.

HONOR ROLL

Second Semester, 1945-46

Rank	Standing	Student
1	2.94	Leonard, Janice
2	2.71	Bullard, Polly
3	2.71	Whitley, Geraldine
4	2.67	Mann, Charlotte
5	2.58	Liskey, Ida
6	2.53	Bynum, Margaret

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7	2.47	McDuffie, Louise
8	2.44	Howard, Barbara
9	2.41	Cox, Mildred
9	2.41	Worrell, Iris
11	2.40	Blanton, Katie
12	2.38	Hale, Kathryn
13	2.35	Light, Elizabeth
14	2.29	Davis, Frances
14	2.29	Coleman, Nancy
16	2.25	Thigpen, Helen
17	2.24	Driver, Carolyn
17	2.24	Johnson, Flora Dean
19	2.21	Parrish, John
20	2.20	Smith, Herman
21	2.18	Simmons, Joan
22	2.17	Stallings, Esther
23	2.12	Carr, Mary Elizabeth
23	2.12	Ricks, Edith
25	2.11	Johnson, Joyce
25	2.11	Jones, Shirley
25	2.11	Peele, Margie
28	2.07	Thigpen, Betty
29	2.06	Johnson, Ann
29	2.06	Taylor, Mary Frances
29	2.06	White, Ida Lee
29	2.06	Smith, Pauline
33	2.00	Bowles, Mary
33	2.00	Bright, Jean
33	2.00	Weldon, Billie
33	2.00	Meggs, Billie
33	2.00	Stephenson, Hazel
33	2.00	Alston, Bobbie

In Memoriam: Albert Edward Smoak, Others

Recalling the nobly beautiful tribute to those sons of Louisburg who made the supreme sacrifice—an inspiring tribute spoken by Dr. J. Marvin Culbreth, Louisburg Methodist minister, at the alumni banquet May 26—COLUMNS wishes to add a word of eulogy in appreciation of those eleven who never again can gaily meet former college friends and walk the familiar paths and halls of Alma Mater. Special recognition is here made of Albert Edward Smoak, of the class of '42, one of those sons—the only one—who was a student at Louisburg after the founding of COLUMNS. He is perhaps most vividly remembered for his charm of reserve and friendly smile. Into the annual of his second year at Louisburg was written of him the characterization "smiles, bashful, easy-mannered"; and his friends must still fondly so remember him.

Louisburg was the last place he visited after joining the Marines and going to camp. He had hoped to return for home coming shortly before going overseas, but no leave was given.

Born January 14, 1921, he was killed in action on Iwo Jima March 21, 1945. His short 24 years seem far too few for investing a life of such genuine quality as his, but those brief years have left so much to be cherished and to inspire that he lives on, still contributing to the world he loved—and the college he loved.

Without a tangible memorial he would still be remembered; yet the beautiful thought of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Smoak, of Aberdeen, to offer \$300 in his memory to be used for a gift for the college—their lovely thought so well recalls the friendly nature that was their son's that, whatever the gift may be, it will stand a lovely token of one who both in life and in death was a generous-hearted giver of self for the greater joy of others.