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## MARRIED COUPLES ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

Delaware, Ohio (I.P.).—Campus married couples are here to stay—at least for a few years, according to Dr. Leona Wise Felsted, dean of women at Ohio Wesleyan University.

In analyzing the trend, Mrs. Felsted comments: "Clearly the postponement of marriage beyond college age has been largely for economic reasons. Dependence upon parents for support is a first strike against successful marriage.

"War has, to a great degree, brought maturity to our young men and women of college age. Marriage for these people on the campus today cannot present a long range criterion for desirability or success for a combination of marriage with college. A general prediction of success is unjustified because of the wide range of age levels and maturities on the campus.

"Married students are with us for the present and we must alter our campus thinking to accommodate them the best we can. . . help married couples to get the best start possible so that campus marriages are lasting ones. Improving our college counselling program is all important. Providing special college work to better equip the young brides for home responsibilities is another way in which we are helping to make these marriages last.

"Perhaps after these two rather vital aides are made available, the best we can do for our married students is to continue an attitude of acceptance with a belief that shared interest in college life can contribute richly to real permanence in marriage," Mrs. Felsted concluded.

## Ode to Louisburg, Other Selections Read

The poem, "Ode to Louisburg," written by Dan McFarland ('42), was read by Mae Bell along with other selections written by former Louisburg students and read by present students at the chapel hour, April 25. The ode was read to an accompaniment of piano selections played by Miss Foster.

The other numbers on the program were, "To Louisburg College," written by Mary Frances Oakley, read by Lawrence Duncan; "Our Columns," written by Mattie Sneed, read by Charlotte Mann; "Columns," written by Evelyn Smithwick (now Mrs. R. W. Turner), read by Ashby Incoe; "How Many Wonders of the World?" written by Maurice Powers, read by George Fussell; "An Oak Tree," written by Carol Bessent (now Mrs. Louis D. Hayman), read by Geraldine Whitley.

Miss Merritt opened the program beginning with "Whatever Things Are Lovely," and offered a

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## BEST WISHES TO BOTH

To the newly elected president and members of both the Men's and Women's Student Government, COLUMNS wishes to extend its hand of congratulation. Also to the outgoing members, we wish especially to express thanks for every contribution made while they were in office. To the new officers let us give our utmost support and sincere loyalty in order to help them begin and continue a student-council year successfully.

## Melson, Hammond, Howell Elected Leaders



OLIVER HOWELL  
SGA President

GRACE HAMMOND  
Women's SGA President

Photographer, Richard West.  
WILLIAM MELSON  
Men's SGA President

## Council and Christian Association Officers Chosen

William Melson, Grace Hammond and Oliver Howell are the elected presidents of the Men's Student Government, the Women's Student Government, and the Student Christian Association, respectively, for the college year 1947-48.

The eyes of most of the students recently have been focused on the election of officers for these organizations for the remaining academic year and for the coming year. The elections terminated on Thursday, May 8, after about a week of nomination and anticipation.

## Women's Council Chosen

The Women's Student Government nominees were chosen in part by the council and others named at a house meeting May 7. The voting was by secret ballot. Succeeding Betty Thigpen, of Edenton, as president is Grace Hammond, of Wilmington, who won over Grace Hayes and Alice Marie Whitehurst. Julia Carroll was put up for vice-president and unanimously approved, succeeding Eloise Fowlkes. Senior nominees for secretary were Hulda Lineberry and Frances Collawn. Hulda Lineberry came out victor, succeeding Margaret Bynum. Charlye Arnette and Helen Ayscue were nominated for treasurer. Helen Ayscue led by a slight margin, succeeding Jane Turnage.

## Men's Council Chosen

The officers for the Men's Student Government were elected at a called meeting of the men students in the auditorium May 8. The nominations were made from the floor and the voting for the president was by secret ballot. William Melson, Lloyd Sloan, and Charles Freeman were candidates for the presidency. William Melson, of Elizabeth City, won, succeeding Carlton Blackman, of Garland. John Forehand, Charles Freeman, Evans Johnson, and W. E. Cooper were candidates for vice-president. W. E. Cooper was elected. Clinton Smithdeal, Evans Johnson, Raymond Sawyer, and Charles Freeman were nominated for secretary-treasurer. Charles Freeman was elected. The election of the vice-president and secretary-treasurer was done by vote from the floor.

## Officers Installed

The newly elected officers were installed at chapel hour, May 9. Both old and new members of the governments were on the stage, with Carlton Blackman and Betty Thigpen presiding. "Faith of Our Fathers" was sung by all. A Scripture passage was read by Blackman. The new officers of the Men's Student Council received the pledge of office from retiring president Blackman. Melson, as new president, spoke briefly, asking co-operation from the entire student body for the coming year. Retiring president Betty Thigpen gave to the new officers of the Women's Student Council the pledge of loyalty in their office to the ideals of Louisburg College. She spoke briefly in appreciation of the co-operation received from the students during her term of office.

## Dean Rainwater Speaks

Dean Rainwater, as main speaker of the hour, expressed appreciation of student government and urged a sense of responsibility in national

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## Miss Finster: The Lady Of the Garden

More than likely everyone has seen a lady wearing a black hat and coat working in the garden back of Davis. She is Miss Finster, teacher in the Science Department and in the Commercial Department. Miss Finster is experienced on campuses both as student and as teacher, having received her A.B. degree from Ball State Teacher's College in Indiana and her M.A. from the University of Michigan, having taught in several high schools and colleges in North Carolina, and having been at one time secretary to the president of East Carolina Teachers' College.

Miss Finster is a distinctive personality—not merely for her experience and degrees—for she is rather well known, too, for her dry humor. She entertainingly recalls the days when she wore long pig-tails, growing up where she says the children have more fun than a barrel of monkeys and ran wild. There are her sudden sparkles of wit, too: for instance, in class when a student interrupted her with a question totally off the point of the lecture, she complacently replied to this daring war veteran, "You are too young to know."

Indeed, Miss Finster is an impressive personality in more ways than that of teacher, being really a versatile person: one hour she may be seen dissecting a frog and the next hour chasing a rainbow with a color film. She plays the piano, used to sing, can type, knows shorthand, and is a real mathematician. That mathematical interest may help to account for her exactness about class punctuality. Anyone who sees her students crowded outside her lab door waiting for 8:00 a.m. to arrive, knows there must be magic in her methods.

When she goes on an excursion with one of her classes she puts on her walking shoes, a preliminary that is more than a mere gesture, for she can probably outwalk any other person on the campus.

One day when someone remarked to her that science destroys many beautiful flowers, she replied that though science may destroy some flowers, it produces more than it destroys. So if she is seen working in her garden, it will be known that she is working in the name of science and not just digging into the earth for exercise.

It is believed by some that her love is equally divided between her insects and her students.

## A RANDOM REPORT OF IRC

### One Student's View

In my opinion the International Relations Club, sponsored by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, is one of the more important clubs of our college. While this club has attained a measure of success, it should have achieved a much larger membership. The purpose of this club is the discussion of affairs that are vital to everyone—individually and collectively. United States foreign policies directly affect all citizens. For instance, the recent loan of millions of dollars to Turkey—whose money is that? It is mine and yours. We are the United States. Some of the most educational experiences of college life may be gained through active participation in discussion. I feel that through my participation in discussion of world affairs I have been somewhat enlightened about them.

### Russia Discussed

At the first I. R. C. meeting of the year held at Louisburg College, the topic for discussion was Russia. Prior to group discussion, informative talks on Russia were given by James Carter and William Hickson. The groups then asked and answered various questions in regard to Russia.

### Members at Student Legislature In Raleigh

The next I. R. C. meeting was the annual Legislative Assembly held at the capitol building in Raleigh. This meeting was conducted similar to meetings of the two

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## Louisburg Epidemic of Hyperphilitis

An alarming epidemic of "hyperphilitis" has been raging in the vicinity of the town of Louisburg for several weeks, having infected untold numbers of innocent people.

Authorities now admit what has been known for some time to be a grave situation, but the facts have been kept secret as a matter of precaution against possible panic. "The turn of events was to be expected," remarked a high official, "but was not expected to reach present proportions."

Because of the telephone strike, all attempts to obtain necessary medicines with which to fight the epidemic, have failed. A plea has been issued by the Rev. R. W. Rainwater, faculty chairman and dean of men of Louisburg College, for assistance in meeting the emergency. Mr. Rainwater disclosed to the press that the faculty has been totally unsuccessful in combating and in general coping with the menace.

The future holds very little hope, for there is no sign of a general break in the epidemic in sight. It is near impossible to get at the core of the cause, for the developments have made any such effort a decidedly sensitive circumstance.

Louisburg College, one of the nation's oldest colleges has been hardest hit by this ruthless disease. Already numerous unsuspecting students are beyond all hope of outside help. Other students, those less pronounced and mild in case, have some chance of recovering. Miraculous enough, there are some who are immune to the disease.

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## College Was Different Then

For Instance, Some Students Were Beginning Life At Forty

(Note: The brief opinion and summary below are not a book review, but in spite of the coverage of student interest and campus life that COLUMNS attempts, they are the nearest approach to a book review that COLUMNS has yet carried in her more than six years. Also, the lines below best realize thus for the hope, held by apparently a minority, that the Louisburg newspaper would adopt the custom of carrying frequent book reviews—a hope recently re-expressed by Dean Rainwater in a talk to COLUMNS staff.)

The contribution below is from Dan McFarland, Louisburg alumnus author of "Ode to Louisburg," now a student at the University of North Carolina).

Historians of the old school set the limits of "medieval history"

as a definite period which began in 476 A. D. and ended about 1500. The myth of the "dark ages" gripped the imagination, and down to the present, historical research has been unable to entirely dispel this misconception. Those interested in learning more about the fascinating "dark ages" will enjoy Henry Dwight Sedgwick's, *Italy in the Thirteenth Century*. The chapters on the University of Bologna and University Professors are especially interesting.

At the University of Bologna professors were required to take an oath of obedience to their students. The student body was made up of as many as ten thousand men from

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