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162nd Commencement Draws Near

Brantley and Cooley To Speak

Class Day Planned

"Memories of Old Louisburg" will be the theme of the class day exercises to be held on Saturday afternoon, May 28. In the absence of Dan Wynn, president of the senior class, Anne Jones, the vice-president, will preside. Featured on the agenda for the program are Harry Tucker, class prophet; T. H. Harris, composer of the class song; Betty Marie Hardwick; class poet; Walton Bass, class historian; and Wilbur Jones, class testorian.

Baccalaureate Sermon

Rev. Allen P. Brantley, pastor of the St. Paul Methodist Church in Goldsboro will deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday morning, May 29, at 11:00 in the Louisburg Methodist Church. The title of the sermon will be "In the School of Coercion." Mr. Brantley is a member of the board of trustees of Louisburg College and he spoke at the YWCA-YMCA Commencement vespers in 1943 here at the college. The Glee Club under the direction of Miss Foster will sing two numbers: "Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee" by Bach, and "The Green Cathedral" by Hahn.

Marshals will be Vivian Proctor, chief; James Dickens, Zelda Coor, Betty Strother, and Rachel Modlin.

Cooley to Speak

Representative Harold D. Cooley of North Carolina's 4th congressional district will be the guest speaker at the graduation exercises to be held Monday morning, (Continued on page 3)

Phi Theta Kappa Entertains Beta Clubs

The Gamma Upsilon chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, national co-educational honorary fraternity at Louisburg College, entertained the members of the Beta Clubs of Franklin County and their faculty sponsors, at a come-and-sit tea, Thursday afternoon, May 12, from 4:30 to 5:30.

The guests were greeted by Fenner Spivey, Ina Evans, and Burwell Evans. Fenner Spivey, president of the fraternity, gave a brief welcome address. A get-acquainted game was led by Anne Jones, followed by the introduction of the members by chapters. Mary Ruth Edwards gave her characterization of Minnie Pearl of "Grand Ole Opry" fame, and piano music was furnished by T. H. Harris during the afternoon.

Refreshments of lime punch, cookies, salted nuts, and mint wafers were served to the approximately 40 guests present by members of the fraternity. Schools in Franklin County from which members attended were Edward Best, Gold Sand, W. R. Mills, Epton and Bunn.

Speak, Chums, Speak!

With this issue, we, the staff of COLUMNS of '48-49, bid you, the students, a fond farewell. The last two issues have been entirely without faculty supervision. If the students can tell the difference between a faculty-supervised and all-student one, let someone know it. Perhaps this will be a turning point in the history of COLUMNS, from whence a faculty advisor will be known only as a person to be used in cases of special need. Speak up, chums, Let your opinions be known!

Y's Hold Retreat

The "Y" cabinet and several members of the "Y" held a retreat at Murphy's cabin at Mitchner's pond May 14, from 10:15 a. m. until 9:45 p. m. Mr. Bowers, "Y" advisor, and Miss Merritt were chaperones.

The group of about twenty left on the "Blue Goose" at 9:45 a. m. and arrived at the cabin at approximately 10:15 a. m.

After looking around the cabin and grounds and pond for a few minutes, all gathered in the large parlor in a circle. In the absence of Dick Cannady, Mr. Bowers led in the devotional. After reading the scripture, he read a paper prepared by Cannady. In this he stressed, "Forget self and think of others." After the termination of this portion of the devotional, Mr. Bowers led the group in prayer.

Immediately after the devotional the group began an informal discussion led by President Elmer Best. The discussion concerned the "Y's" good points and also its mistakes of the past year. This was done in order to show the new "Y" officers how to improve the "Y" of next year. Many good points were given on how to improve the organization, programs, and how to make the Thursday night devotions more interesting to the students of the campus. This discussion ended at 12:30 p. m.

After the discussion, lunch was prepared by the students. The afternoon was spent in sun bathing, swimming and walking around the pond. The swimmers went to Jackson's pond to splash about a bit.

About 5:30 the group gathered out by a fire and had a weiner roast.

Immediately after supper all gathered by the pond for a few moments of meditation led by Miss Merritt. All returned to the cabin and continued their discussion. The discussion ended on the programs and how to make them more interesting. Many ideas for next year's projects were brought up by the group. Mary Ruth Edwards, incoming president, closed the discussion by the benediction.

Miss Stipe Entertains

Miss Averitte and her fiancée, Mr. Thomas Hobgood and the old Women's Students Council Association officers were honored by Miss Stipe at a dinner served at the home of Mrs. James B. King on North Main Street in Louisburg on May 15 at 6:45 p. m.

The decorations consisted of white cut flowers and small trinkets of the bridal theme.

A three course dinner was served which consisted of fruit cocktails as the appetizer, white sliced tomatoes and chicken salad on lettuce leaves. Baked apples, potatoe chips, olives, ritz, hot rolls, butter and iced tea made up the main course. Strawberry shortcake was served for dessert.

The old student council members are Thelma Manning, president; Erlene Jordan, secretary-treasurer; Jenny Tyson, senior representative; and Mary Ruth Edwards, junior representative. Other guests present were Miss Averitte, Mr. Hobgood, Miss Stipe, Dr. Blumenfeld, Mr. and Mrs. Moom, Dr. and Mrs. Amick, Rev. and Mrs. Bowers, Mr. Griffin, Miss Hill, Mr. Holton, Miss Quinton Holton, Miss Charlye Arnette, Miss Foster, Mrs. Tarpey, Mrs. Perry and Mr. and Mrs. Boyd.

Annual Alpha Pi Epsilon Banquet Held

The tenth annual home-coming banquet of Alpha Pi Epsilon was held at six p. m. on May 7 in the dining hall. A color scheme of crimson and silver, the club colors, were used throughout the dining hall. There were forty members and guests present. The program included vocal selections by Bill Sanders and John Oldham, and an address by Rev. Dan Bowers, experiences of off-campus members, and excerpts from letters received from old members not present. Musical accompaniment was furnished by Miss Sarah Foster. At the close, Mrs. Perry, club sponsor, presented Mr. Holton with \$75 to be added to the club's endowment fund.

Alpha Pi Epsilon is the campus coeducational commercial fraternity. To gain membership in the fraternity one must be enrolled in the commercial class and have an average of "B" or better.

L. C. Finally to Have Gym

(This is a statement publicly issued by President Holton May 23, 1949.)

At a meeting of the Executive Committee and the Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Board of Trustees of Louisburg College, held this morning in Raleigh, I was authorized to announce that the contract for building the gymnasium has been approved by these committees, and it is planned to sign the contract next afternoon, May 30, 1949. SAMUEL M. HOLTON, Pres.

These Are Our Leaders for '49-'50



From left to right are Velma Hall, president of Women's Student Council; Robert Gayman, president, Men's Student Council; Mary Ruth Edwards, president, YWCA. Thomas Patterson, President YMCA is not pictured.

Students Choose '49-'50 Leaders

Students Take Outing

Approximately 45 students of Louisburg College went on a combination weiner roast-hamburger-fry at Lake Mirl Saturday afternoon and night, May 21. The majority of the students went in connection with Delta Psi Omega and the Dramatics Club and a smaller group went in a private party. The Delta Psi-Dramatics group were chaperoned by Mrs. Betty Tarpey and the smaller group by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bowers. The purpose of the occasion was to have a last get-together before the close of school.

The group left the campus at approximately two p. m. in the college bus and private cars. After arrival at the lake, the groups combined for several hours of swimming, playing horseshoes, and softball.

The groups again combined at "chow-time" and ate hamburgers and hot dogs and drank cokes. The known record for eating that day was nine hot dogs, two hamburgers, one pint of milk, two cokes and an endless number of ice-cream cones. The "chow" hour lasted until about seven p. m. at which time everyone seemed to be full of hamburgers and that all-American delicacy, the hot dog.

In spite of the danger of stomach cramps, a small portion of the students again went swimming in the lake. When darkness came the students retired to the beach house for a few hours of dancing. An old-fashioned square dance was started; and almost every student participated in what seemed to be a fun-filled, most enjoyable dance. In between square dances other numbers were played on the juke box and couples danced and "jitterbugged."

The students left the lake in time to return to the campus at 10:30 p. m.

Velma Hall, Robert Gayman, Mary Ruth Edwards, and Thomas Patterson were elected by the students of Louisburg College for the office of presidents of Women's Student Government, Men's Student Government, Y. W. C. A., and Y. M. C. A. respectively. Other officers are Katherine Long, Secretary; and Jimmy Sugg, Treasurer. Formerly, the "Y's" had planned to merge into one organization and elect officers correspondingly. Later, however, the cabinets received information from national headquarters that if they were to change their organization, they would also have to change their name. The "Y's" changed their plans in order not to sever relationships with national headquarters and decided that there would have to be two presidents. The cabinet decided to put the vice-president, Thomas Patterson in as president of the Y. M. C. A., and leave the office vice-president in both the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. open for next year's incoming Freshmen.

The "Y" presidents were installed Thursday night, May 19, in a candlelight ceremony down by the old wishing well. Mr. Bowers, "Y" advisor, gave a short talk on the opportunities of the young people of today after which the old presidents, Martha Shearon and Elmer Best, took off their academic gowns and placed them on the new officers, Mary Ruth Edwards and Thomas Patterson.

The Women's Student Council representatives will be as follows: Velma Hall, President; Daisy Byrd, Vice-President; Eleanor Best; Secretary; and Rachel Modlin, Treasurer. The Men's Student Council representatives will be as follows: Robert Gayman, President; B. T. Harris, Vice-President; and Ernest Gaster, Secretary-Treasurer.

The responsibility of their officers was placed on the new executives Friday, May 13, at the chapel hour. The retiring president, Dick Cannady, read the scripture and made a short speech concerning his accomplishments and failures of the past year. He said that he hoped the new council would accomplish (Continued on page 4)

Students See "Hamlet"

This past Tuesday night was an important night for Miss Merritt and nearly all of the English Literature students. At 6 o'clock Tuesday evening the Louisburg College bus, known as the "Blue Goose," was loaded and ready for a "speedy" trip to Duke University, where Shakespeare's famous "Hamlet" was being shown. It was quite a trip over to Duke. Anyone who has ever ridden on the "Blue Goose" knows exactly what is meant by the preceding statement. Strange as it may seem, the old "Goose" made it to the University without mishap. The students eagerly limped out of the bus and while a few lay collapsed on the ground just outside the bus door, the others gazed at the beautiful buildings on the campus. Most of the students had recuperated from the bus ride by the time they got their student tickets. Anticipating two hours and a half of relaxation

and enjoyment, the group rushed to the Quadrangle Theatre where they hoped to get soft comfortable seats on which to rest their battered bones. A kind usher started the search for the student's seats. Like little lost lambs they followed the usher up a few flights of stairs. With ears popping and some of the students gasping for air, they struggled up the stairs to the third balcony. Third, that is! The seats were not exactly what one would call comfortable. They were hard-bottomed and the rows of seats were so close together that some of the unfortunate long legged students had to pull their knees up into their chests. It was quite difficult to hear and understand all of what was said, in spite of this everyone seemed to enjoy the movie more than had been expected. The movie lasted about two and a half hours, and after it ended it took the students

only about fifteen minutes of massaging to get the circulation back into their cramped legs. They got on the bus and started back for dear old Louisburg. The old "Goose" was making a brave effort but about six miles from Louisburg she sputtered to a stop. After close inspection of the gas tank with matches and cigarette lighters, it was found to be empty. After several unsuccessful efforts to stop passing vehicles, the cheerful little group was not quite so cheerful. But, as luck would have it, a student pulled up to a screeching halt with his car and came to the rescue of the stranded group. A short while later the "Goose" was off again for home. She rolled in at the college at about one-thirty Wednesday morning. In spite of the adversities, everyone enjoyed the trip and affirmed that they would not have missed it for anything.

The Oak Presented And Dedicated

The OAK was presented in chapel, Friday, May 6, by Editor Wilbur Jones and the rest of THE OAK staff. The 1949 edition of THE OAK was presented as a surprise to the student body. No one, save the staff, knew that it had returned from the printer.

THE OAK of this year was dedicated to Dr. E. E. Randolph, professor of chemistry and physics at Louisburg College. After the presentation, Anne Jones, associate editor of THE OAK, escorted Dr. Randolph to the stage, where the dedication was made and an annual presented to Dr. Randolph. In a short speech of gratitude, Dr. Randolph included these words, "I treasure this token very gratefully," he said, "and shall keep it carefully."