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MAY DAY FESTIVITIES IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Paul Childers, Jr., Lucy Burgess Named Heads of Student Council

**Stainback-Farrow Vice-President;
Brooks Secretary-Treasurer; Harris
Secretary of Women's S.G.; Hunter New
Treasurer; Broome House President**

The election of the new student government body was held later this year than last. The new presidents of the men and women's student government took their oaths in chapel several weeks ago. Paul Childers, Jr., son of a Baptist minister, is the president of the men's student government. He is a conscientious young man who believes in concentrated work when necessary. He is a friend of the entire student body, and he has a friendly attitude toward others. Lucy Burgess, president of women's student government, is from Belhaven, North Carolina. The main qualification that she possesses is her understanding nature. She has a mind of her own, and she uses it to everyone's advantage. Both Childers and Burgess are excellent students when responsibilities are cast upon them. Both have a self-governing spirit as well as a group governmental attitude.

Robert Stainback and Jackie Farrow are two excellent people when it comes to being at a meeting promptly and cooperating in group discussion. They do not force themselves into a situation, but they tactfully enter into friendly conversations.

The other officers who have been elected to office are just as worthy as those who have major positions. Those who work behind the curtains are just as necessary as the points of an automobile. Evelyn Rae Harris, Mattie Hunter, and Libby Broome have been three willing girls to help anyone in need. Jack Brooks is an energetic young man who tackles a task with zest and aspiration. He works well with a group.

The Student Government Council has had a successful year, and the members of the 1953-54 will probably have a wonderful year as well. Everyone will be waiting to help when needed.

COLUMNS staff takes this small space to thank all those who have so graciously aided in the publication of these five issues of the paper. Also, the staff asks the apology of those who feel that some important event has been omitted during the school year. Those who work with COLUMNS do not claim to know all that happens; therefore they must have let several items of importance pass without notice. Accept our thanks, however, for the honest criticism of our paper. When I say our paper, I mean your paper and mine. We only hope that the next staff will have as understanding readers as this year's staff has had. We thank you.



LORINE SMITH - Queen of May

Lorine Smith Is Elected Queen of May Program Includes May Day Pageant and Dance

A balmy spring day broke over the Louisburg College campus, complete with March winds and April showers on May 2, 1953. Cheery greetings could be heard ringing through the air, for many of the alumni had returned for May Day.

May Day exercises began at 3:30 o'clock at the Louisburg College gymnasium. While Miss Sarah Foster played appropriate music, the May Court began the exercises as they slowly walked from the door to the stage. The girls of the May Court were attired in blue evening dresses, blue picture hats, and a bouquet of red roses; and their escorts wore dark pants and white dinner jackets. The Maid of Honor wore a yellow evening dress and picture hat, and the May Queen wore a white dress. The May Court consisted of: Lorine Smith, Queen, and Jerry Williams; Martha Davis, Maid of Honor, and Julian Gonzalez; Janet Bailey and Bill Sadler; Betty Lou Brown and Rodney Nelson; Alice Lea Dennis and C. W. Strother; Bonnie Green and Turk Morrisette; Rae Harris and R. A. Baxley; Sue Manning and Robert Stainback; Mary Lee Mason and Hugo Hodgins; Patricia Monk and Billy Hurley; Fern Tharrington and Ed Driver; Betty Twisdale and Hugh West. The trainbearer was Claudia Speed, and the crownbearer was Emma Ruth Bartholomew.

After the Queen was crowned, the theme "Happy Holiday" portrayed eight holidays. The Fourth of July depicted a "1776 spirit" with the marching of soldiers and the beating of drums. Participants were: Wayland Adams, Charles Johnson, Marvin Baugh, Braxton Overby, Dick Kelvansky, Tommy Shutt, and David Scott. Halloween was represented by a dance by three girls—Jean Fairey, Malvina Crawford, and Mary Hassell, dressed in black cat costumes. Characterizing Thanksgiving was a harvest dance. The girls were dressed in autumn colors, and the cast for this scene was: Kathleen Neal, Ellen Marks, Ann Mann, Clyde Culbreth, Ann Long, Ann Tucker, Adele Gales, and Jackie Farrow. Christmas pictured Santa Claus and his reindeer, including Rudolph. Participants were: Jeanette Yates, Phyllis Bailey, Tillie King, Betsy Everette, Laura Horton, Rosalyn Crews, Lucy Burgess, Faye Dillard, Frances Norman and Irene Hamlet. Valentine dance was by Jean Fairey, Malvina Crawford, and Mary Hassell, dressed in white evening dresses, with red hearts and red parasols. A dance by Dorothy Hood, Marie Gupton, Dorothea Draughon, Frances Hales, Idalyne Batchelor, Irene Herring, Frances Baker, and Jean Wrenn, flashed the color of green to represent Saint Patrick's Day. Easter bunnies hopping gaily

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Mrs. Gretter Announces The Commencement Marshals for 1953

Mrs. W. Carrington Gretter, Registrar, announced recently the Commencement marshals for 1953. This is an honor for these freshmen who have during the year made the highest scholastic record. All the students just so happened to be Liberal Arts students. These marshals will usher and hand out programs at the music recital, the Sunday service, and the graduation program. The marshals are:

	Average
R. A. Baxley, Jr., Chief Marshal	2.842
Alice Lea Dennis	2.609
Jacqueline Farrow	2.490
Weldon Lucas	2.361
Elizabeth Broome	2.336

Commencement Speakers

President Samuel M. Holton has announced that two members of the Board of Trustees of Louisburg College will be the featured speakers at Commencement Exercises of Louisburg College on May 24 and 25.

On May 24, the Commencement Sermon will be delivered by Rev. M. W. Lawrence, pastor of Queen Street Methodist Church, Kinston, and on Monday morning, May 25, the address will be given by Dr. Herbert J. Herring, vice-president of Duke University.

Mr. Lawrence attended Duke Divinity School. He has served the Methodist Conference as Director of Young People's Work and Dean of the Christian Adventure Assembly.

Dr. Herring, vice-president of Duke University since 1946, attended Trinity College and did graduate work at Columbia University. He received the LL. D. degree at Juanita College in 1948. Dr. Herring has been active in educational work since 1922, having served as teacher of English, teacher of speech, president of the North Carolina Association of Collegiate Registrars, Chairman of Academic Deans of Southern States, Assistant Dean at Duke, and Dean of Men at Duke. He is a member of several honorary fraternities including Phi Beta Kappa.

"Was your girl pleased with the bathing suit you gave her?"

"Yeah. You should have seen her beam when she put it on."

Chinese Missionaries Visit Campus, Tell of Communist Imprisonment

"No real practicing Christian has ever become a communist," declared one of the two interesting persons who visited Louisburg Campus for a short time. Misses Janet Surdam and Luella Koether, friends of Miss Mary E. Bethea, were the two Methodist missionaries who visited our campus.

Misses Surdam and Koether served as missionaries in China doing religious education work. The work was called a Christian education program of activities and was concerned mostly with children and youth.

During the latter part of Misses Surdam and Koether's stay in China, they were made prisoners by the Communists. The prison term lasted for 200 days; the first 13 weeks were solitary confinement—without paper, pencils, books, or anything that might help time pass.

The foreword written by Miss Koether for a collection of songs entitled *Songs in the Night* portrays in a few words her solitary confinement:

"Solitary confinement in a Chinese jail seems an unlikely setting for the composing of music. Not permitted to sing, or cry, or speak, and without writing materials, how can one remember a song, even if one did succeed in 'listening in on God's music?' Janet and I, Methodist missionaries, were prisoners of the Chinese Government for two hundred days, separated and in solitary confinement for the first thirteen weeks, with no reading matter, not even the Bible.

Under these circumstances, Janet heard songs in her heart, each song a spiritual victory over despair, loneliness, fear, and suffering. She remembered these songs, twenty in English, and more than thirty in Chinese, by rehearsing

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Chemistry Award Winner

Presentation of the annual chemistry award to the student of inorganic chemistry with the highest average went to R. A. Baxley, Jr. Eddie Lee Elks, last year's award winner of the chemistry award; Eugene Dickerson; and Riley Godley also were presented awards for their outstanding work in organic chemistry. Also, Eugene Dickerson and Eddie Lee Elks received physics awards. Mr. C. Ray Pruette, head of the chemistry and physics department, made the presentation during the chapel period on May 8.

New Faculty Member

Louisburg is fortunate in having Mr. Allen A. Norberg as a member of the faculty this year. He is a professor of the business department.

Mr. Norberg came from Rosell Park, New Jersey (The Garden State). For two years he worked at a Chemical plant but decided that he liked teaching better; so, he went into the teaching field.

This veteran of World War II, who graduated from Rosell Park High School, entered Montclair College in N. J. He completed a 4-year course in 2 years. He also attended N. J. Teachers College. Upon graduating from college, he went to O. M. I. (Ohio Military Institute) where he taught book-keeping, geography, mathematics, and several other business subjects.

When he left O. M. I., he came to Louisburg College, his second place of teaching. Here at Louisburg College he has taken an active part in all activities. He teaches journalism, accounting, business machines, and typing. He has been coach of the junior varsity basketball team and has umpired several intramural softball games.

Mr. Norberg has been very cooperative this year with the faculty and student body, and everyone is proud to have him as one of the teachers here at Louisburg College.