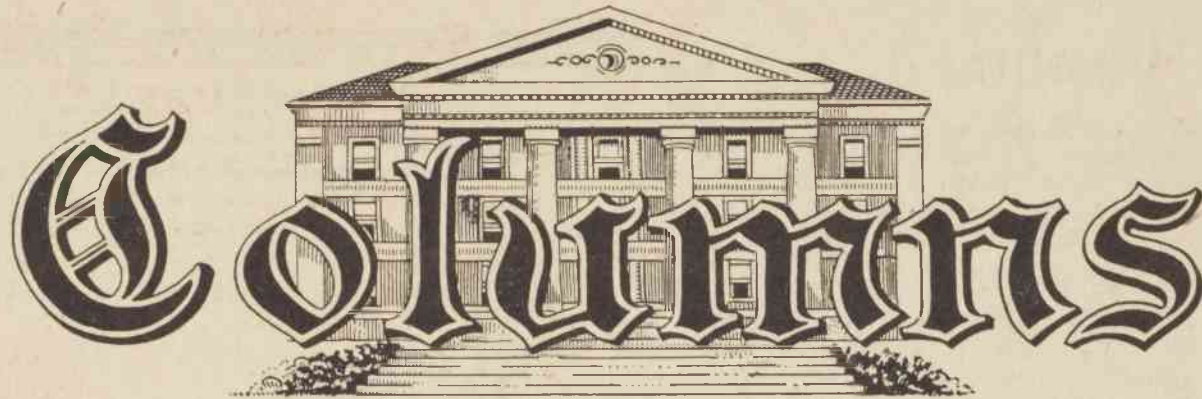


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Opera Combines Mirth And Music

The Grass Roots Opera Co. entertained Louisburg faculty and students on Thursday night, Dec. 3, with a presentation of two one-act comedy operas, "Sunday Excursion" and "The Telephone."

"The Telephone" centers around the inhibiting effect of a modern device to a suitor attempting to change, for better or worse, his status in life. After almost keeping a frustrated bachelor from becoming a potentially married man, the telephone eventually comes to his aid and makes possible the communication of the marriage proposal from the train station. The answer is "yes." The story was written by Gian Menotti, the music by Carlo Menotti.

"Sunday Excursion" is an interpretation of the ever characteristically human theme, "boy chases girl" and vice-versa. Two young ladies, sightseeing in New York over a weekend, incidentally elude two young men also visiting New York until the double twosome finally meet on the train home to New Haven. The complicated plotting of the couples reaches a successful "finale" with the usual boy plus girl combination. The story was written by Arnold Sun-gaard, the music by Alec Wilder.

Among audience remarks about the performance was one by a faculty member: "It was well done, quite charming," and another by various students: "I enjoyed it."

The cast seen Thursday night "performed the world premier of this opera in New York City on April 17, 1953." The stated purpose of the Grass Roots Opera movement is (1) to give all qualified singers opportunity to equip themselves through experience before the footlights for a professional career, (2) to give vocational singers opportunity for development of their talents, and (3) to acquaint the people of North Carolina, from childhood on, with the beautiful music to be found in opera.

Honor Society Will Initiate New Members In the Near Future

The Gamma Epsilon Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa has four pledges who will be initiated into the honorary society in the near future.

The members of the Gamma Epsilon Chapter are: R. A. Baxley, Fern Tharrington, Weldon Lucas, Alice Lea Dennis, and Jackie Farrow. Those to be initiated are: Sue Manning, Rae Harris, Philip Bunn, and Libby Broome. These students are eligible by the averages of the last semester of the 1952-53 year. Requirements are a B-average and a unanimous acceptance by present members.

The object of Phi Theta Kappa, a nationally recognized honorary society, is "to promote scholarship, to develop character and to cultivate fellowship among the students of both sexes in the junior colleges of the United States."

The fraternity had its origin at Stephens College, Columbia, Mis-

Alumna, Miss Adelaide Johnson, Returns as Commercial Dept. Head

Miss Adelaide Johnson, our new business teacher, was born here in Louisburg; so she feels right at home here. She attended Louisburg High School.

After graduating from high school, Miss Johnson enrolled in our own College as a day student. She majored in history. Most of her schooling since receiving her diploma here has been during the summer. Miss Johnson got her A. B. degree from Wake Forest and her M. E. from Woman's College in Greensboro. She has since been a special music student here.

Miss Johnson said that when she was going to school here, she never dreamed she would be back as a business teacher. She said, "I wouldn't have been surprised then if someone had said I would teach history, but never business."

Hiking is Miss Johnson's favorite sport, and she likes to watch basketball. She says she isn't very active in any sport. She also likes to read and make candy. Her favorite candy is baked chocolate nut fudge.

Miss Johnson has many connections with Louisburg College. Her brother and three sisters attended Louisburg also.

She said it is very nice to be back, and I know we are glad to have her here.

MSM Holds Conference

"Christ Transforming Culture" will be the program theme of the fifth quadrennial conference of the Methodist Student Movement which will convene on December 28, at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, to run through January 2, 1954. More than 2300 college students and adult counselors representing every state and including 200 foreign students will participate.

There will be eminent speakers, who will discuss theological and educational aspects of modern culture, study groups, forums, campus-style "bull sessions," daily Bible studies, a special New Year's Eve celebration of Holy Communion, and other activities. Study books which include "The Conscience of Culture," "Worship and the Arts," and "The Christian Corrective" will be used.

The conference will be under the direction of Dr. H. D. Bollinger, Dr. Harvey C. Brown, and Jerry Gibson. Students participating will be Richard Thompson, Springfield, Mo., President of National Conference of Methodist Youth and George A. Goodman, Corvallis, Ore., chairman of the National Methodist Student Commission.

During this conference, the students will seek to come to grips with problems and issues of Christian faith and action.

Official recognition as a national society for junior colleges by the American Association of Junior Colleges was in 1929. At the present time there are 141 active chapters located in 36 states and the Panama Canal Zone.

HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES

True Spirit of Christmas

Hilda Gross, a young girl from the small country of Austria, would like very much to come to America to school. Miss Mary Bethea had the pleasure of meeting Hilda while on the Methodist Youth Caravan on their European tour during June, July, and August. The girls at Louisburg College have decided to do all they can to help bring her to school in America and preferably to Louisburg.

To that end, the girls this year plan to contribute the sum which they would spend on Christmas gifts to each other in order that Hilda's dream might come true. Most of the gifts given between the girls are insignificant — things which will soon be forgotten — but by helping Hilda each one will give something which will never be forgotten.

Some of the girls plan to give up something which they like; for instance, coca colas and movies. By doing this, the gift will mean much more to them and to the one they are helping who knows what it is to be hungry, cold, and sleep on the floor. This will bring in the true spirit of Christmas as there

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Students Give Program At County Home

What could cause one to be filled with the Christmas spirit more than a grateful, happy smile from an aged person? That explains how a group, composed of the college students in the Methodist Church School, felt when they presented a Christmas program at the Franklin County Home on the Sunday afternoon of Dec. 6.

The singing of carols and the reading of the beautiful Christmas scriptures was presented in such a way that the feelings of faith, hope, and good will inspired all.

Those active in the presentation of this program were Zelda Coor, president of the Sunday School Class; Jackie Farrow, Kermit Williams, Ellen Marks, and Mattie Hunter. Also credit should be given to the teacher of the class, Mrs. Evelyn Williamson.

This trip proved so inspiring to the college students that plans for another visit were discussed.

Glee Club News

The 1953-54 Officers for the College Glee Club were elected at one of the regular meetings last month. Sue Manning was elected President of the Club; Marvin Gregory, Vice-President, and Frances Baker, Secretary-Treasurer.

Miss Sarah Foster, director of the club, has selected the members of the Sextet. The sopranos are Sue Manning and Janet Bailey; altos, Jane Post and Libby Broome; and the Baritones are Bill Noel and James Alford.

There have been no definite plans made for future engagements for the Glee Club.

Junior Class Sponsors Party

The Louisburg College students welcomed the nearing Christmas Holidays on Friday evening, Dec. 11, at 7:30 with a Christmas party. The party was sponsored by the Junior Class under the direction of their sponsor, Mr. J. F. Jones.

Everyone enjoyed dancing, playing games, drinking punch and eating cookies. The party was held in the social hall in Main. A festive atmosphere was created by the soft lights, holly, and pine.

Members of the decorating committee were: M. G. Bobbitt, Chairman; Jean Massengill, Edna Mahler, Jo Floyd, Carole Smith, Judy Finch, Bonnie Carnes, Shirley Tyson, and Billie Green. Those serving on the refreshment committee were: Mary Richardson, Barbara Driver, Rose Rogers, J. B. Slaughter, and Curtis Adams. On the entertainment committee were: Merle Royster, Liz Tyndall, Ray Williamson, Gerald Ellen, Clara Wright, Thurston Faulkner, and Doug Faulkner. Sheldon Hare, Tommy Nevils, Harold Leary, and Margaret Ogburn were in charge of tickets. The clean-up committee consisted of M. G. Bobbitt, Kentwood Turner, Martin Poyner, Marvin Gregory, and Robert Jennings.

An admission of thirty-five cents was charged in order to raise some money for the Junior Class treasury.

Everyone seemed to have a wonderful time and to appreciate the Juniors' efforts to give everyone an enjoyable evening.

'Back to Bethlehem'

The Dramatics Club and the Glee Club will present a Christmas pageant, "Back to Bethlehem," on the evening of Dec. 17 under the sponsorship of the "Y."

The Glee Club will open the program with Christmas selections and will provide background music throughout the pageant.

Everyone will participate in the choral scripture readings, and monologue parts will be given by Marvin Gregory. Patsy George will read the prologue poem. Robert Stainback, Rodney Nelson, Allen Shearin and Kermit Williams will present a dramatic episode of the shepherd scene, and Robert Frazier, Billy McCullen, and Tryon Lancaster will give the dramatic episode of the wise men scene.

Those included in the nativity scene are: Mary, Rae Harris; Joseph, Weldon Lucas; angel, Bonnie Carnes. Little Emma Ruth Bartholomew, Lynn Williamson, and Blake York of Louisburg will appear as cherubs in this scene.

Durwood Johnson is in charge of the lighting effects.

Others participating in the pageant are: Anne Mann, Sue Manning, Tryon Lancaster, Myrtle Miller, Margaret Ogburn, Mattie Hunter, Martha Ann Purdue, Phyllis Davis, Jo Ellen Floyd, Lucy Burgess. All characters will be dressed in Biblical costumes.

CAMPUS IS SCENE OF VARIED EVENTS

A large fir tree in front of Wright Dormitory and Main which has been hung with multi-colored lights is the only Christmas tree to be seen on the campus. Running cedar, colored lights, and holly frame the door of Main and the front door of Wright Dormitory.

The center attraction in the parlor of Wright is the sparkling Christmas tree in the corner. A nativity scene and other decorations add to the Christmas atmosphere.

Open house was held from 4 p. m. to 5 p. m. on Dec. 13, in Wright. The Women's Student Government sent invitations to the faculty, men students, and other guests in Louisburg. Parents were also welcomed to the event.

The girls acted as hostesses in their respective rooms during that hour.

Refreshments consisted of hot tea, mints, peanuts, and open-faced sandwiches. Those who took part in the greeting, serving, and registration of guests were: Jackie Farrow, Rae Harris, Libby Broome, Mattie Hunter, Jean Brown, Sue Manning, Ellen Marks, Lorine Smith, Merle Royster, Bonnie Carnes, Mary Richardson, Phyllis Davis, Jean Massengill, Katie Houghton, and Shirley Tyson.

The "Y" presented a chapel program, "Seek Ye The King," on Tuesday, Dec. 15. Jackie Farrow, Zella Coor, Fern Tharrington, and Tryon Lancaster took part in the program. Dr. Blumenfeld's French class sang a French Christmas song; and Sue Manning also sang a solo, "Angel's Serenade."

In further observance of the season, Christmas caroling will be sponsored by the "Y" on the evening of Dec. 16. All Louisburg students are welcome to join the carolers whose musical tour will last an hour or more. Upon their return to the college, the group will be served refreshments in the cafeteria.

To climax holidays events, the dining hall will be the scene of the annual Christmas dinner on the evening of Dec. 17.

A Christmas program is being planned to be given at the dinner.

Concluding the seasonal activities before the holidays begin, the entire chapel period on Dec. 18 will be devoted to the reading of Jones' "The Birthday of Hope" by Alice Lea Dennis.

HONOR ROLL

Martha Ann Perdue 2.95
Shirley Tyson 2.66

HONORABLE MENTION

Clara Wright 2.41
Myrtle Miller 2.29
Elizabeth Broome 2.17
Jean Massengill 2.11
Billy Noel 2.07
Cathrine Register 2.05
Carolyn Jones 2.05
Weldon Lucas 2.02