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### Columns Staff Members Attend Press Conference

Ten members of the "Columns" Staff attended a Religious Press Conference in the WNAO Radio-TV studio in Raleigh on Friday, March 5. Those attending the conference were Shirley Tyson, Billie Green, Carolyn Jones, Allen Shearin, Billy Noel, Libby Broome, Margaret Ogburn, Pete Frazier, Sheldon Hair, and Miss Merritt.

The conference, which lasted from 2 to 4 p. m., was a discussion on religious work in the paper. Advice was given as to how material should be written for the paper, how early in the week to get it in, and other items of importance. We learned that the newspaper is one of the best ways to announce church activities.

#### Visit News and Observer

After leaving the Radio-TV studio, we went to the *News and Observer* office and work shop. A complete tour of the office and work shop was made with the aid of a guide. I think everyone in our group thoroughly enjoyed the tour, because we saw the complete functions of how the material is gathered, the plates cut, the print being set, and how pictures from all over the world are received. The most interesting thing to most of us was the automatic typewriters and the wirephoto machine.

Upon completion of the conference and tour, each member in the group was presented a Doctor of Newspaper Finesse degree. We were also given some material on the functions of printing a newspaper, and a booklet on how to prepare good news.

I'm positive that each of us enjoyed the trip, and I want to urge you to take advantage of this opportunity if it comes your way. It will be several hours that will be spent in a worth-while way.

### Chemistry Awards Given To Freshmen Students

Mr. C. Ray Pruette recognized the achievements of some of his freshman chemistry students during the chapel hour on Feb. 16.

The first award was presented to Clara Wright from Franklinton. Her average in freshman chemistry was 98.5. She was given the 1954 *Handbook of Chemistry and Physics* which is given by the Chemical Rubber Company, Cleveland, Ohio. The freshman chemistry student who has the highest average in that course receives this book. Each year the Chemical Rubber Company gives these books to colleges throughout the United States for the purpose of promoting interest in the physical sciences. This book has proven to be an invaluable source of information to one who is interested in the physical sciences.

#### Martha Purdue Honored

Martha Ann Purdue, who had a 98 average in freshman chemistry, was also honored.

Character as well as scholarship was considered when these awards were presented.

### May Day Plans Are Revealed

The election for queen, maid of honor, and court for May Day was held Thursday, May 18. The secret ballots were counted, and their results announced. Lorine Smith is again the Queen with Janet Bailey as her Maid of Honor. The court comprises Sue Manning, Fern Tharrington, Jean Fairrey, Jacqueline Farrow, Jean Massengill, Mary Elizabeth Tyndall, Marilyn Baker, and Betty Sue Parrish. Their escorts will be announced later. The May Day chairman, also elected by secret ballot, is Alice Lea Dennis.

A Toy Shop Theme will be portrayed by various scenes. Dances will feature Hillbillies, Pickaninies, Texas cowboys and cowgirls, Dutch Dolls, and Ballerina Dolls. Other acts include toy Soldiers and Tumblers. Several Mills High School students are to participate also.

The committee to prepare the costumes consist of Margaret Ogburn, Judy Finch, and Edith Smith. Program committee consists of Jean Massengill, Shirley Tyson, and Lorine Smith.

The May Day exercises are planned and directed by Miss Ruth Cooke who also is in charge of the costume designing and the choreography.

### NEW MEMBERS

After bids were sent out, the rolls of campus fraternities included quite a few new members.

Those who were asked to join Phi Theta Kappa, the honorary scholarship society for commercial and non-commercial students in junior colleges, were: Marilyn Baker, Shirley Tyson, Jean Massengill, Clara Wright, Zelda Coor, and John LeMay. Phi Theta held its formal initiation for these new members at eight o'clock on the evening of March 8 in the faculty parlor.

Fern Tharrington was the only person to receive a bid to Sigma Pi Alpha, the national honorary language fraternity.

One new member, Robert Stainback, made the campus dramatics fraternity, Delta Psi Omega.

New names that appeared on the roll of Alpha Pi Epsilon were those of Jean Massengill, Shirley Tyson, and Marilyn Baker. Alpha Pi Epsilon is a national honorary secretarial society.

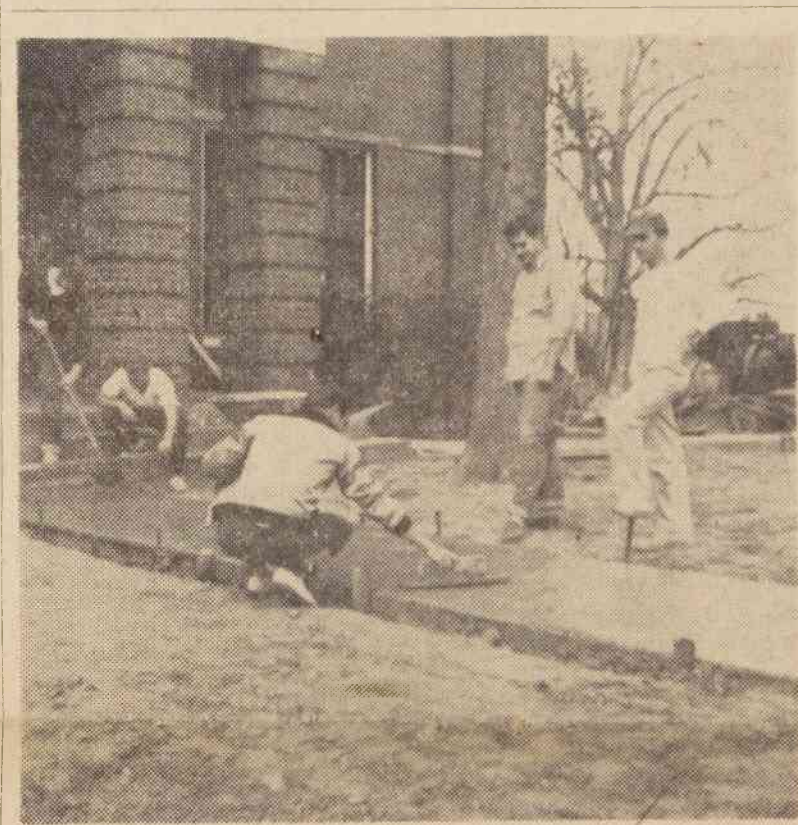
Beta Phi Gamma held its tapping exercises for prospective members in chapel on Feb. 23. Those joining were as follows: R. A. Baxley, Jack Brooks, Richard Bennett, Mattie Hunter, Bobby Riddle, Rae Harris, Katie Hocutt, Tryon Lancaster, Robert Frazier, Bonnie Carnes, Shirley Tyson, Catherine Woodlief, Ellen Marks, and Mr. James Jones, honorary member.

Fortune Teller: "Until 40 you will be poor and unhappy."

Customer: "And then?"

"After that you will be used to it."—Farm Journal

## Long - Awaited Landscaping Plans Are Near Completion



### Concrete Walks Are Finished

The dream of having cement walks in the front of Wright Dorm and Davis Building at Louisburg College has finally come true. Mr. Albert Cowart, Dean of Men, was the instigator of the plan; and Miss Mary Bethea, Dean of Women, encouraged him to carry it out. Although Mr. Holton, President of the College, agreed that it was a good plan, he stated that no funds could be taken from the college treasury for that purpose.

Therefore, on Friday, Feb. 26, Mr. Cowart called a special chapel period to tell the students of his plans and to make a request that they donate money with which to buy cement. The response was spontaneous and commendable.

Ten days' labor went into the preparation of the walks for cementing, and it took the boys' physical education classes 4½ hours to mix and pour the concrete. Approximately 1000 sq. ft. of concrete was used. The walks are 4 ft. wide and join at a circle in the center. This circle is 6 ft. in diameter. The uncemented area in the middle of the circle will be planted in flowers.

Much of the success of paving the walks was due to the efforts of John LeMay, a day student, who procured wheelbarrows, a cement spreader, and numerous other tools. His knowledge of these tools made possible the smoothing of this project.

The town of Louisburg furnished a truck and three laborers, free of charge, to haul rock to the College and provided the cement mixer also.

Mr. Joe Pierce was another helper who deserves special attention. It was to him that the workers turned when they needed something, and they got what they needed.

Mrs. Powell and Miss Merritt (See WALKS FINISHED, Page 4)

### Durwood Johnson Is Nat'l Contest Winner

On Tuesday, March 16, in the Chapel Assembly, President Samuel M. Holton, presented one of our fellow students, Durwood Johnson, an honor award, saying that Johnson is to be highly commended for his effort.

Durwood entered a national contest, sponsored by *Science and Mechanics* magazine to promote safety. Durwood drew plans and wrote explanatory notes for an automobile chassis that will hold up, even under the strain of a severe collision.

The award, a vacuum gauge, is expected to arrive here soon.

### Miss Bethea Teaches Course at Lexington

Miss Mary E. Bethea, Dean of Women, taught a course in the Lexington Methodist Leadership School which was held at the First Methodist Church in Lexington, N. C., from March 14-18.

The subject of the course was "Organization and Program Planning for MYF." Emphasis was placed on the new program areas in the MYF. The course was taught for intermediates, senior and older youth, and their adult leaders.

There were three other courses offered in the school which were: "Home and Church Working Together With Children," taught by Mrs. Arthur Marshall from Maryville, Tennessee; "Protestantism," taught by Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe, retired from Duke University Divinity School, Durham, N. C.; "Young Adults in Church," taught by Rev. Aubert Smith, pastor of Main Street Methodist Church at Ashboro, N. C.

More than 300 people were enrolled in the entire school for the five nights.

### Dr. Blumenfeld Speaks At Raleigh Meeting

Dr. Anna Blumenfeld spoke in the French and Spanish section of the Romance Language Department of the North Carolina Education Association at the annual meeting in Raleigh, March 19, her subject being "My Impressions of the Chattanooga Meeting of the South Atlantic Modern Language Association." Teachers of romance languages from high schools and

### Miss Sue Manning Presents Voice Recital Wednesday, March 24

Miss Sue Manning of Middlesex presented her senior voice recital on Wednesday, March 24, 1954, at 8:00 p. m. in the College auditorium. She was accompanied by Miss Sarah Foster, her instructor. The program consisted of a varied collection including foreign and English numbers.

For her opening number, Miss Manning used "A Cycle of Life" (Ronald). The second part of her recital was made up entirely of foreign selections. Her Italian numbers were "Caro mio ben" (Giordani) and "Tu lo sai" (Torelli); the German number was "Der Schmied" (Brahms); the French number was "Romance" (Debussy). In the third portion, Miss Manning returned to English numbers singing "Clouds" (Charles); "Vienna, My City of Dreams" (Sieczynski), "Ecstasy" (Rummel), and "If No One Ever Marries Me" (Lehmann). For her closing selections Miss Manning sang "Gianina mia" (Friml), "Homing" (Del Riego), and "A Birthday" (Woodman).

Louisburg College has been fortunate in having Sue as a member of its students' body for the last two years. Her talent for singing has been a great help in services of all kinds presented here at the college and she has also been an active member of the Methodist Church choir.

colleges throughout the state were present, sharing ideas and hearing messages covering various phases concerning teaching romance languages.