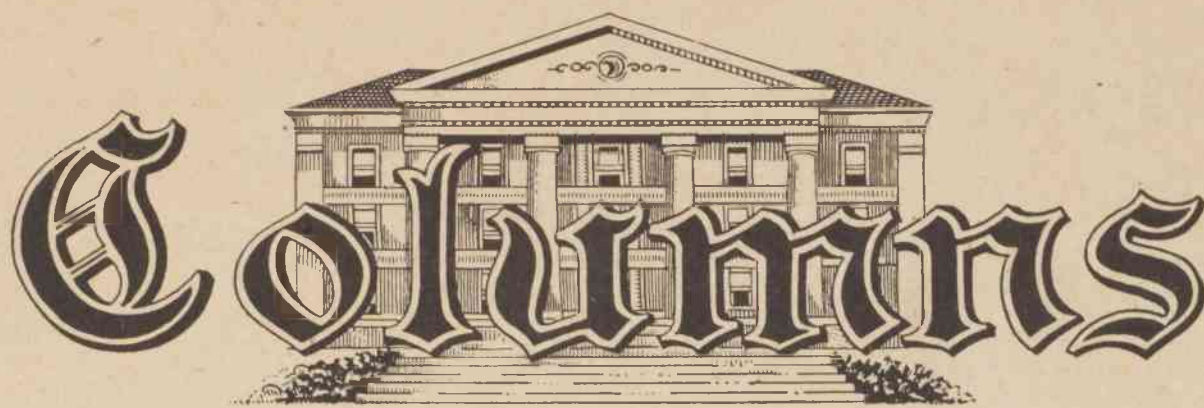


LIFE  
HAS



JUST  
BEGUN

Volume VIII.

Louisburg College, Louisburg, N. C., May 25, 1954

Number 6

# Louisburg College Is Scene of May Day Activities

## The 1954 Oak Is Dedicated to Miss Elizabeth Johnson

R. A. Baxley, Jr., editor of *The Oak*, and Jack Brooks, business manager, conducted the dedication of the 1954 *Oak* to Miss Elizabeth Johnson at the chapel period on Monday, May 17.

The program began with Scripture reading, a prayer, and a song. A description of the hours of work that went into the making of the final copy was given with stress upon the fact that no one staff member was more important than another.

Each member of the staff was called to the stage and presented his or her annual individually after a few words about each from the editor. The annual belonging to the staff members has the name of each printed in gold on the cover.

Mr. C. Ray Pruette, advisor for *The Oak*, was presented with a cigarette lighter from *The Oak* staff. Dickie Bennett performed the presentation.

### Dedicates OAK

The editor then dedicated *The 1954 Oak*, closing with this thought: "In grateful appreciation for her relentless time and understanding in helping us with our individual problems, for her guidance in college activities, and for encouraging us to go forward and meet the demands of life, but more than that, for just being at Louisburg that we might respect and admire her, we, with gratitude deep in the hearts of each of us, dedicate this, *The 1954 Oak*, to Miss Elizabeth Johnson."

The program was closed with the singing of the Alma Mater by the student body.

## Dramatics Club Gives Two One-Act Plays

Two one-act plays, George Kelly's *Finders-Keepers*, and Glenn Hughes' *Red Carnations* were given by the Dramatics Club at 8 p. m., Tuesday, May 18.

*Finders-Keepers* is a serious drama of domestic life. The setting was in the breakfast room of a family of medium circumstances. The interest centers around the discovery by the husband that his wife is not the person of noble qualifications he had assumed in her.

*Red Carnations* is a light comedy set in a city park. The interest revolves around solving the identity of a boy and girl who had met at a masquerade ball, and end in a happy adjustment of the three characters concerned.

The cast of *Finders-Keepers* were Robert Frazier, as the husband; Sue Manning, as the wife; Lucy Burgess, as the neighbor. The

(See PLAYS, Page 2)

## Speakers for Finals Listed

Dr. Howard P. Powell, pastor of Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh, will deliver the commencement sermon at Louisburg College on Sunday morning, May 29. The commencement address will be given Monday morning, May 30, by Dr. William H. Cartwright, chairman of the Department of Education, Duke University. The alumni dinner speaker will be Dr. Morris Husted, pastor of City Road Methodist Church, Henderson. The alumni meeting will be held Saturday evening, May 28.

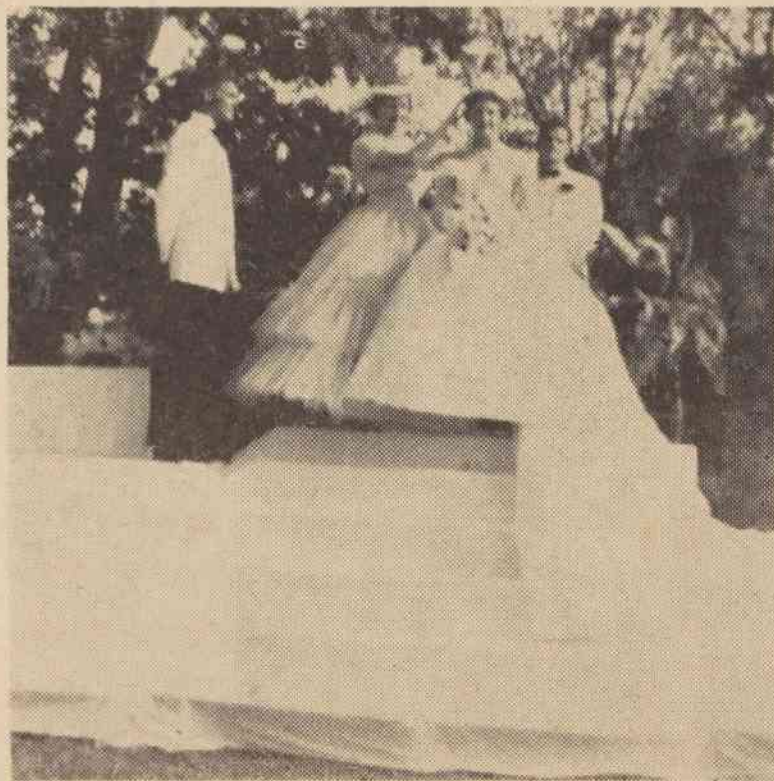
Commencement exercises ending the 164th year since the opening of Louisburg College will begin Friday evening, May 27, with a music recital by the pupils of Miss Sarah Foster of the College Music Department. On Saturday morning, the class-day exercises will be held, and the alumni dinner will be served in the College dining hall Saturday evening. On Sunday morning, the commencement sermon will be delivered, and on Sunday afternoon, President and Mrs. Samuel M. Holton will be hosts at a tea for the graduating classes, their parents, and friends. The exercises will be brought to a close Monday morning, May 30, with the awarding of degrees and diplomas to the two graduating classes — the one-year business class and the two-year degree class. These classes will have over sixty graduates.

## Students Observe Passion Week Here

Passion Week was filled with significance for all college students who took advantage of the services held in the Parlor of Wright Dormitory. These programs held at 10:00 each night were under the direction of Miss Mary Bethea with students taking part in the services. On Sunday night the theme was "We Would See Jesus;" on Monday night, "What Is Man;" on Tuesday night, "Show Us The Father;" on Wednesday night, "Teach Us To Pray;" on Thursday night, "Why Do The Righteous Suffer;" and on Friday night, "Try His Works To Do." Appropriate worship centers added much to the meaningfulness of the messages conveyed. Students who participated on the programs were Sue Manning and Frances Taylor, Soloists, Robert Frazier, Hugo Hodgins, Zelda Coor, Lorine Smith, Weldon Lucas, Jean Massengill, Lucy Burgess, Fern Tharrington, Jackie Farrow, Jo Floyd, Mattie Hunter. Miss Ruth Merritt also assisted with the program on Thursday night, after which all who had collected money to add to the fund for Hilde Gross, the Austrian girl who hopes to complete her education in America.

(See PASSION WEEK, Page 2)

## LORINE SMITH ELECTED MAY QUEEN



## 3 Students Initiation Service Win Awards Is Held in Raleigh

Alice Lea Dennis, Marilyn Baker, Katherine Ewell, and Carolyn Jones were winners of gold OGA (Order of Gregg Artists) pins in the 41st International OGA Contest sponsored by the Gregg Company during the latter part of 1953 and first part of 1954. As pin winners, these girls are eligible for the Superior Merit Certificate.

Students earning Certificates of Membership in the Order of Gregg Artists are Alice Lea Dennis, Marilyn Baker, Mary Richardson, Merle Royster, Edith Smith, Martha Denton, Katherine Ewell, Betty Spruill, Catherine Register, and Shirley Tyson.

Rae Harris, Ellen Marks, Lucy Burgess, Mattie Hunter, and Myrtle Miller have won 300-word Gregg Speed Certificates.

In addition to all the members of the Shorthand II class, the following members of the Shorthand I classes have qualified for 60-word Gregg speed certificates: Katherine Ewell, Katie Hocutt, Catherine Register, and Shirley Tyson.

Lucy Burgess is the proud owner of the only Complete Theory Certificate earned so far this year.

Students who have won 50-word Typing Certificates are Katherine Ewell, Jean Massengill, Katie Hocutt, Mary Richardson, Catherine Register, Mattie Hunter, Barbara Driver and Glenn Barnes.

Those winning 40-word Typing Certificates are Marilyn Baker, Rachel Merritt, Rae Harris, William Hill, Jr., Margaret Ogburn, Shirley Tyson, Edith Smith, William Collins, Martha Denton, Lucy Burgess, Billie Green, Carole Smith, Charles Burns, Betty Sue Smith and Frances Baker.

Students earning 30-word Typ-

On April 24 three L. C. students were initiated into Sigma Pi Alpha, the foreign language fraternity, at Saint Mary's Junior College in Raleigh. These students were Misses Lorine Smith, Fern Tharrington and Catherine Woodlief. They were accompanied by an older member, Miss Alice Lea Dennis.

After the registration and business session were over, approximately thirty young men and women were assembled for the solemn ceremony of the initiation. Immediately following the initiation was a social hour and later a banquet which was held at the Woman's Club.

### Requirements Listed

The requirements for joining Sigma Pi Alpha are as follows: a general academic average of not less than eighty percent, an average in language courses of not less than eighty-five percent. Older members of Sigma Pi Alpha are Misses Alice Lea Dennis and Jackie Farrow and Mr. Tommy Shutt.

Miss Tharrington takes French Literature, and Misses Smith and Woodlief take Spanish. Dr. Ann Blumenfeld is these young ladies' teacher and is the sponsor of Sigma Pi Alpha at Louisburg.

ing Certificates are Bobby Riddle, Douglas Faulkner, Thurston Faulkner, Ann Mann, Lorine Parrish, Phyllis Davis, and Kermit Williams.

Several students are "knocking all around" 60 net words a minute in typing and one getting 100 words in shorthand, but haven't qualified for the Gregg Awards in these divisions yet.

## 500 See Toyland Theme Presented Here on May 1

Approximately 500 people saw a Toyland theme carried out in May Day exercises at Louisburg College on the Saturday afternoon of May 1. The program began at 3:30 on the college lawn and closed with a dance ending at 12:00 midnight in the gymnasium.

The students chose Lorine Smith for their Queen again this year. Miss Smith selected Billy Noel from Henderson to act as her escort. Janet Bailey won the title of Maid of Honor, choosing Gary Morris from Atlantic to escort her.

May court attendants and their escorts were:

Mary Elizabeth Tyndall of Kinston, with Tommy Shutt of Roanoke Rapids; Jackie Farrow of Cape Hatteras, with Gardner Barbour of Fuquay Springs; Sue Manning of Middlesex, with Marvin Gregory of Elizabeth City; Marilyn Baker of Hertford, with Tryon Lancaster of Fayetteville; Sue Parish of Louisburg, with Robert Stainback of Littleton; Jean Fairey of Durham, with Peter Frazier of Louisburg; Fern Tharrington of Louisburg, with R. A. Baxley of Fayetteville; Jean Massengill of Smithfield, with Rodney Nelson of Atlantic.

The Commercial Club at the college (See THEME, Page 3)

## TOY'S MAY DANCE

I was there. Were you? All of us toys really enjoyed performing for our queen May Day. This year was the first time I had ever been allowed to take part in the entertainment for the queen, for you see, I was a Dutch doll. I think that this was the first time a lot of us had taken part in May Day, for I had never seen the Hillbillies, nor Cowboys and Cowgirls, nor Pickannines, nor Ballerinas there before. I rather envy the

(See TOY'S DANCE, Page 2)

## Elect '54-55 Officers

The girls met in Wright parlor on Thursday night, April 22, for the purpose of electing officers for the Student Council of 1954-1955.

After many nominations the following were elected: Carolyn Jones, President; Mary Richardson, Vice President; Shirley Tyson, Secretary; Edith Smith, Treasurer; and Martha Ann Perdue, House President.

All men students met during Chapel period for a very important meeting on Wednesday, May 5. They elected the officers of the Student Council for the school year 1954-1955.

The following were elected: Richard Bennett, President; Douglas Faulkner, Vice President; and Milton Spain, Secretary-Treasurer.