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## Mrs. Hayman Presents Picture Poem Gift In Chapel Program

Mrs. Louis D. Hayman, Jr., of Jacksonville, Fla., returned to Louisburg College on Wednesday, October 26, 1960, to present her picture-poem, "Winter Scene," to the college in honor of Miss Ruth Merritt at a chapel service. Mrs. Hayman is the former Carol Bessent of Beaufort, N. C. She attended Louisburg in 1944-45, was a member of the COLUMNS staff, and was a student under Miss Merritt.

Mrs. Hayman read several of her poems to the student body and then her husband, Dr. Hayman, unveiled the picture-poem. Mrs. Hayman read the poem with a great deal of emotion. She talked to the student body and, with profound sincerity, expressed gratitude to the faculty and the college for the help and inspiration she received while a student at Louisburg. The picture is a visual twin of the poem. The poem reads:

The snow lay piled in drifts against the fence,  
The trees ached with their cold and lovely load,  
The farmhouse was a charcoal drawing etched  
Against the evening sky; there was no road . . .  
It lay hidden beneath the comforter  
Of feather white that bedded down our land,  
And cast an echo of infinity:  
A breathless twilight colored God's right hand

Miss Merritt then made a brief talk and recited one poem that Mrs. Hayman had written while at Louisburg. President Robbins then accepted the picture-poem on behalf of the college. This poem will be hung in the library sometime in the near future. Mrs. Hayman has a book entitled *Keepsake* to be released soon which contains a large portion of her poems.

While at Louisburg, Mrs. Hayman had a poem in every issue of the COLUMNS. Miss Merritt stated that Mrs. Hayman had, at that time, a great sensitiveness to beauty which she still possesses. Miss Merritt said, "I was overwhelmed. Her presentation was the most generously appreciative gesture by any alumnus." Here is the poem Miss Merritt quoted;

### An Oak Tree

There's something about an oak tree,  
A something I cannot explain:  
Its shadows long in sunlight,  
Or the way it looks after rain,

The way its arms reach upward  
For God in the heavens blue  
Yes, there's something about an oak tree  
That thrills me, through and through

We, the students of Louisburg,  
deeply appreciate this gift and will forever cherish the spirit in which it was given to the college.

"It seems to me a rarity for a man devoted to a nonliterary profession, as is Dr. Hayman in his medical practice," said Miss Merritt, "to have the warmly cordial interest in a wife's poetry that he manifests. Evidently, too, his appreciative interest is a real inspiration to Mrs. Hayman in her writing."

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## First Play of Year Presented Nov. 18

"Thanky!"  
"Lawsy, Miss Lucy, you scared me so that I almos' turned white!"

"I wish that something could scare you into working faster." With the opening lines of the dramatics club's first presentation of the year, "The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come," the audience knew they were in store for a real entertainment treat. As the play unfolded before them for the next two hours, they knew that they had been right. It was a very colorful story, well laced with humor, revolving about the efforts of Chad (Warren Jones) to win beautiful but snobbish Margaret Dean (Sylvia Hart), who is the daughter of a very class-conscious family in Kentucky. When Chad met Margaret, it was a case of love at first sight. As he put it, he'd "never seed a gal so purty afore."

The action of the play takes place at the home of Major Calvin Buford (George Utley), a kind-hearted soul of Kentucky aristocracy. When Major Buford meets Chad, a simple mountain boy who is an orphan, he shows his kindness by taking the boy in and offering him the chance to stay in his home. This suggestion is agreed to by Chad, but not approved by Miss Lucy Buford, Calvin's sister (Brenda Whitfield). As in the days before psychosis and neurosis, Chad encounters many obstacles, but overcomes them to become engaged to Margaret.

The cast of characters included: Miss Lucy Buford—Brenda Whitfield; Chad—Warren Jones; Old Tom—Lewis Waskey; Mellissy Turner—Marilyn Gainey; Thanky—Alice Smith; Nathan Cherry—Kay Stark; Caroline Dean—Penny Taylor; Betsy Cherry—Carolyn Callahan; Margaret Dean—Sylvia Hart; Major Calvin Buford—George Utley; Richard Hunt—Morgan Hazzlett; Nellie Hunt—Martha Ann Bradser; and Jennie Overstreet—Joyce Avent.

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Rev. Bob Barefield, who obtained his B.D. degree from Duke University, will speak to all Louisburg College Students on "Dream Analysis" on November 22, Tuesday in the auditorium at 6:30. Let's have a big turnout!

## Political Debate Stars Wilkinson, Symington

The highlight of Democrat-Republican Day, October 27, was the political debate in the Main Auditorium. The Young Republicans Club sponsored Mr. John Wilkinson of Washington, N. C., as its speaker and the Young Democrats Club sponsored Mr. James Symington, son of Senator Stuart Symington of Missouri.

The speakers engaged in a Lincoln-Douglas type debate, which consisted of the first speaker, Mr. Wilkinson, speaking for fifteen minutes, followed by the second speaker with twenty minutes, and the first speaker having a five minute answer.

Following the debate was a question-and-answer period, in which students and visitors alike participated. Both of the speakers took turns in answering the questions.

Mr Symington, a well known hill-billy musician and composer, entertained the audience with a few of his original "Democrat Ditties," which were well received by the Democrats in the audience.

A proportionately few number of students were present.

REN BRADLEY

## Second Concert Presents Kovacs

By LINDA SESSIONS

Pianist Stephen Kovacs presented a concert Wednesday evening, November 16, at 8:00 p.m., in the W. R. Mills High School Auditorium. This was the second in the Louisburg College Concert Series.

Born in 1907 in Budapest, Hungary, Mr. Kovacs entered Franz Liszt Academy of Music at the age of five. In his youth, he was a favorite student of the celebrated Dr. Emery de Kerri-Szanto. After 14 years of academic training, he graduated with outstanding honors, and received the highest degree that the school had to offer—the Artist Diploma of Piano Playing in 1926.

Kovacs acquired an enviable reputation in all the principal cities of Europe before coming to America. He has since won fame as a com-

## Radio Station WSLC Returns to the Air

"Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. This is radio station WSLC, beginning another evening of broadcast entertainment from our studio in the basement of Franklin Dormitory. We invite you to stay tuned for the many enjoyable and entertaining programs to follow."

Yes, WSLC is on the air. Beginning broadcast activities on October 31, the station is on the air from 7 p.m. to 12 p.m., Monday through Friday, providing everything from pop singers to progressive jazz for the listening audience. Upon talking with the management, this reporter found that the station hopes to expand its schedule second semester to include the weekends, and some of the late afternoon hours. Operating on a frequency of 1010 kilocycles, WSLC covers the campus here at Louisburg, with the exception of the faculty apartments and Wright Dormitory. Mickey Sykes, station manager and technical director says that he hopes to have coverage to these buildings in the near future.

Branching out into commercial activities this year, WSLC is now selling commercial time to the merchants of Louisburg as well as to national sponsors. With this in mind, you can look forward to that time-honored phrase of Radio. "We'll be back with more music in just a moment, but first this important message. . ."

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poser and the leader of the famous Four Piano Ensemble which toured the United States with great success. Then followed the Kovacs Piano Trio, which year after year played more engagements than any other similar attraction. He is acknowledged to be one of the most creative and versatile adapters of musical masterpieces for multiple-piano performance.

Several prizes in international competition for pianists have been awarded to Mr. Kovacs in Budapest and Vienna. Widely acclaimed across America, he has been acknowledged for his brilliant piano personality and technical perfection in concert recitals.

### NEW LIBRARY HOURS

Saturday Afternoons  
2:00 to 5:00  
Sunday Afternoons  
2:00 to 4:00

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## Winter Dance Scheduled for December 10

The officers of the Sophomore Class have formally announced the annual Winter Dance. The date for the dance has been set for the evening of December 10th, from 8:00 until 12:00 p.m. The band chosen by the class for the dance is The Jets from Gastonia, N. C. The band is composed of five singers, an organ, drum, sax, piano, and two guitars. The class also decided to have the dance semi-formal, so that the girls could wear either cocktail dresses or formals, and the boys could wear suits. Corsages are optional—boys may send them if they wish. The price of tickets will be \$1.00 per person, and they may be obtained from any class officer or the Ticket Committee Chairman, Don Carnes.

Committee chairmen for the dance are as follows:

Band Committee—Frank Layne  
Decorating Committee—Butch Mills  
Theme Committee—Betty Lou Cash  
Ticket Committee—Don Carnes  
Publicity Committee—Ren Bradley  
Clean-up Committee—Warren Jones  
Lighting Committee—Mickey Sykes

The officers are expecting a big turnout, but this can only be achieved with your individual support.

## Grades Higher

Dean John B. York said it appeared that the overall grade picture for this semester is running ahead of that of last year as far as he could tell by the mid-semester grades. However, there is no one that has compiled an all A average at mid-term. There are, however, several students who have four A's and one B, or three A's and two B's.

Although no official composite totals have been calculated, Dean York stated that he could not distinguish any appreciable difference in grades between the men and women students at Louisburg. It seems as though the students, whether consciously or subconsciously, have realized the need for exceptional work in order that they might become successful in today's highly competitive world.



DEMOCRAT-REPUBLICAN DAY DEBATE  
Mr. James Symington expounds on the virtues of the Democratic party.