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Newly Remodeled Classroom Building Is Now in Use

Curtain up! Light the lights! These were the thoughts of the workmen as they finished hanging the curtains on the stage of the Auditorium-Classroom several days ago. Although the main lights have not yet arrived they are expected at any time.

This year Louisburg College accepted nearly sixty new students for enrollment of the 1961-62 academic year. Because of this increase in enrollment additional space for classrooms and administration offices were needed. In June, 1961, the William Robert Mills property directly in front of main campus was purchased from the Franklin County Board of Education for the price of \$230,000.

On June 5, 1961, a large renovation program was begun by the William C. Vick Construction Company of Raleigh, N. C. Although the building was not completed by September 14, opening day, classrooms had been finished and classes were held.

The estimated \$150,000 spent for repairs and purchases of the building provided for enlargement of the stage, plastering of nearly three-quarters of the walls, laying sub-flooring and tile, a new paint job for the entire building, new toilet facilities, and new windows and doors.

In addition to these improvements the following purchases were made: new furniture for faculty and student lounges and classrooms, new blackboards, refreshment vending machines, an organ for chapel programs with an amplification system, and finally fresh gravel on the grounds to provide a place for students to park near classrooms.

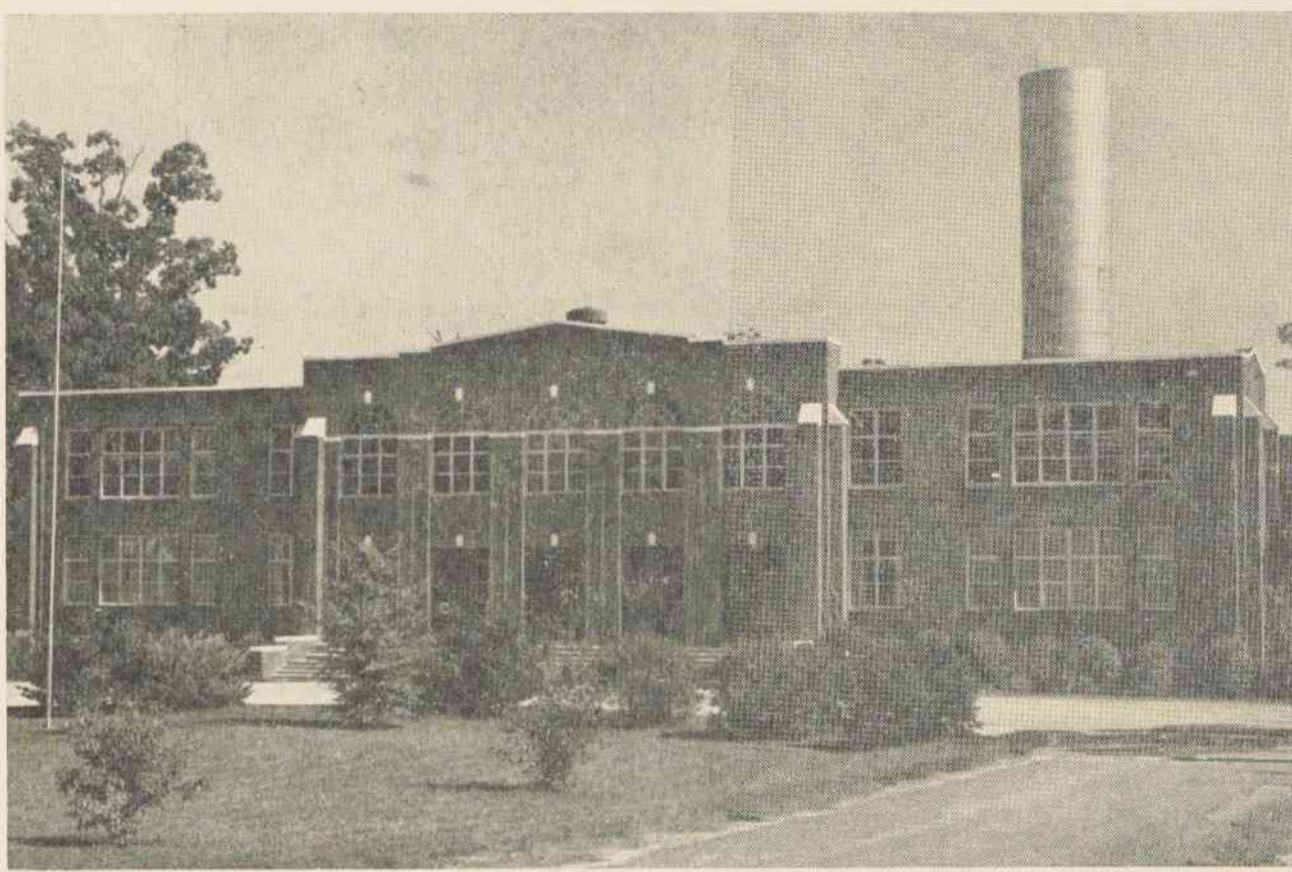
Because of the new rooms in the Mills Building, the classroom space in Main Building was given to the science department in order that it might expand its classrooms and laboratories.

Campus Receives WUS Commendation For Fund Drive

Louisburg College has received a letter of commendation (from the southeastern office of World University Service) for the contribution made in furthering international understanding during the past academic year. A special note of congratulation was extended to Miss Ruth Merritt for her role in this endeavor.

As part of the program \$75.00 from the annual World University Service campaign was contributed to student international self-help and mutual assistance projects sponsored by WUS. This gift, coupled with contributions from the campuses around the world, makes possible health facilities, housing accommodation, supplementary foods and educational equipment for needy students in the Middle East, Africa, Southeast Asia and the Far East. Projects include establishment of a health center at Chung Chi College in Honk Kong; a cooperative student dormitory in Madras, India; X-ray apparatus for Nagpur University in India; medical instruments and supplies for health services in Indonesia; equipment for a student printing house in Israel; textbooks and academic journals for

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MILLS BUILDING—The Mills Building was completely renovated last summer. The building is shown after work had been completed just after the fall semester had started.

Dr. Helguera Talks About Peace Corps in "Y" Program

On Thursday, September 28, the YW-YMCA sponsored a lecture on the Peace Corps given by Dr. J. Leon Helguera, professor of history at State College.

Dr. Helguera was born in New York and reared in Mexico. He was educated in New York and Mexico. In 1953 he received his Master's Degree, and in 1958, his Ph.D. in history from the University of North Carolina. Last summer he was the director of the Columbia Peace Corps Training Program at Rutgers University.

Dr. Helguera's lecture lasted for about an hour and was followed by a question period.

The Peace Corps, he said, is a group of youths dedicated to the building of peace. The Peace Corps seeks by direct contact to prove to peoples of foreign countries that the ideas in our constitution are real and not dead. According to Dr. Helguera, we have given the world a bad idea of what America is. The Peace Corps seeks to change this image. It is the first bit of concrete policy in this the government has had since 1945, he claims.

The head of the Peace Corps is Sergeant Shriver, brother-in-law of President Kennedy. He has been described as a hard-working and inspired man who wants the Peace Corps to succeed at all costs.

The Peace Corps sends volunteers overseas to live in the conditions of the poor in foreign countries. The volunteer becomes one of the members of a village, but, he offers his services only when asked to. He works along side the people. The result? It is hoped that the villager will say, "This white man gave his time. He didn't take my son and put him in the army, he didn't take my daughter to be a slave, nor did he take any money. Maybe Americans are nice people."

The training given to the Peace Corps Volunteers is very intensive. It lasts for 2½ or 3 months. Sometimes there are 1 or 2 months of training in the country where the volunteer is to stay. A foreign lan-

guage is taught and tests are given to determine the specialized skills of the volunteers. They spend two years in the foreign country.

The qualifications for a Peace Corpsman are: (1) good health, (2) a desire to serve, (3) the ability to get along with people. There is no age limit, but the ages of 22 to 30 are desirable. No particular educational background is required. Usually the volunteers have one or two years of college behind them.

Dr. Helguera emphasized throughout his speech his belief that "if the Peace Corps fails, the country is finished."

Dr. Langford Is Religious Emphasis Week Speaker

Dr. Thomas Anderson Langford, speaker for Religious Emphasis Week, which was held during the



Dr. Thomas A. Langford

week of October 10-13, selected as his main topic "Discipleship."

Dr. Langford, now Assistant Professor in the Department of Religion at Duke University, and his wife, (Continued on page 4)

Two Teachers Join Faculty

This fall Louisburg College opens the year with two new faculty members and three house counselors for the girls' dormitories.

It is fortunate that the new Spanish teacher enjoys traveling, for he has done much of it. After spending his boyhood in Texas, California, and Virginia, Mr. William F. Wagner was sent back to California by the Navy. Having completed five years of service, he went to Mexico City College, where he received his B.A. in philosophy and his M.A. in the Spanish language and literature. In Mexico City Mr. Wagner met and married his wife, Artemisa, and their two sons, Billy and Alex, aged 2½ and 1 respectively, were born. Mr. Wagner says that he likes small colleges, for he believes that in a small school, the student can receive the personal attention that he needs.

Mr. Robert Wells is a Louisburg College graduate who is now teaching in the math department of his Alma Mater. Aside from teaching, Mr. Wells is working on his Master's Degree at the University of North Carolina. Mr. Wells, a bachelor, is a native of Louisburg.

Mrs. Nora E. Tolar, the new housemother in Wright Dorm, claims Goldsboro, N. C., as her home. Rearing three daughters consumed the majority of her time, and she says "They kept my nose to the grindstone." Mrs. Tolar says that she has had no problems, and that she really likes it here so far.

Mrs. Aileen Hunt, the new housemother in South Hall, is from Louisburg. Among her interests are reading, watching television, and playing the piano. When asked how she was enjoying playing "mother" to college girls, she said that the girls at South Hall were a "good group."

Morehead City, N. C. is the home of the housemother of North Hall. Mrs. Adeline Land, in addition to being housemother, is a student at Louisburg College. She says that music and fishing take up most of her leisure time. Being a housemother is a new experience, but she says that she is enjoying it very much.

Plans Announced For Observance of 175th Anniversary

A celebration observing the 175th Anniversary of Louisburg College will begin on Thursday, January 4 and continue through the following Sunday, Dean John B. York has announced.

The festivities will begin Thursday morning with a speech by Dr. Dan McFarland, head of the Department of Social Studies of Atlantic Christian College. Dr. McFarland will speak on the colonial history of Louisburg College up to 1787 and will continue his talk on Friday morning by bringing this history up to date.

Thursday evening a nationally known speaker in education and public affairs will speak. Balladeer William Clauson will perform Friday evening and Carl Sandburg has agreed to attend the festivities on that day.

The formal opening of the Auditorium-Classroom Building and the laying of the cornerstone of the new Men's Dormitory will take place on Saturday morning. Methodist Bishop Paul Garber of the Richmond-area will deliver the address, followed by a speech by Dr. Cecil W. Robbins. A tea will be held Saturday afternoon, and at nine o'clock the college will present the Lester Lanin Orchestra, under the leadership of William Kelly, playing for the 175th Anniversary Ball.

On Sunday morning, January 4, Dr. Clarence Bass of the Bethel College and Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., will present the 175th Anniversary Sermon.

Plans for the Anniversary are still incomplete and additional plans will be released as soon as possible.

Enrollment Figure For Year Is 552

This year at Louisburg College there are five-hundred and forty full-time students, plus twelve special students, bring the enrollment to a total of five-hundred and fifty-two.

The attendance is made up from twelve of the fifty states, with North Carolina and Virginia contributing seventy-seven per cent of the students. There are four Floridians, one Georgian, two Kentuckians, six Marylanders, five Michigansites, six New Jerseyans, three New Yorkers, two Ohioans, two Pennsylvanians, eleven South Carolinians, three-hundred and ninety-one North Carolinians, and one-hundred and thirty-three Virginians.

Parents' Day To Be Held

Wednesday, November 1, has been designated as Parents' Day at Louisburg College. The activities on Parents' Day will begin at 10 o'clock with chapel. The parents are invited to attend chapel and then to go to class with the students at eleven o'clock. Lunch will then be served in the cafeteria. Parents will then take a tour of the campus and at two o'clock there will be a meeting of the parents, followed by an informal tea with the faculty.

The purposes of Parents' Day are to give parents a chance to see what a school day is like, to create a closer relationship between parents and the college, and to acquaint the parents with the faculty.