

Baptist Student Union Church School Y. W. A. MEETS CHRISTMAS 1944

CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

Officers of the Baptist Student Union are leaders of spiritual forces. The selection and election of the officers is an honor. Having been selected by a praying committee and elected by prayerful students, council members are called of God and honored by their Christian associates. The task of each one is therefore a holy task. To be faithful is the officers' privilege. Faithfulness in service is God's guarantee to eternal greatness.

Those Christian officers on our campus and their positions are as follows: President, Ovella Benefield; first vice-president, Ruby Comber; second vice-president, Lella Jones; third vice-president, Dorothy Franklin; Y. W. A. president, Erlene Washburn; Sunday School director, Mary Sue Kester; Y. T. C. president, Earl Towery; B. T. U. director, Margaret Wacaster; Ministerial Band president, Rev. Lee James; secretary, Jeanne Rollins; treasurer, Margaret Roberts; musical director, Myrtle Whitaker, and publicity director, Ellwanda Scruggs. These workers are fortunate in having as their religious director, V. Lawson Allen, fully devoted worker for Christ, always ready and willing at all times to help any of us in solving our problems.

These thirteen council members with their director meet every Monday night to present their reports, to discuss any problems arising on the campus, and to make plans for special services and events.

Recently several council members and students visited the Shelby jail and rendered a worship service to the prisoners enclosed there. We have arranged to render such services each first and third Sunday afternoons. Any student who wishes to join us in ministering to these prisoners.

For Wednesday night, December the twentieth, we are planning a "crusade of Christmas Caroling" after which we will be refreshed by hot chocolate. For those who do not wish to go on the crusade, entertainment at home will be provided for them. Come one! Come all! Let's get the spirit of Christmas in our hearts and souls.

Vesper services are held on the campus each evening at 6:30 p.m., and on every Tuesday morning at 6:45 a.m. We have "Morning Watch" These are the worship services brought to us on our campus by various students and are free to all.

Realizing our great responsibility as workers for Christ, we, the B. S. U., request the prayers of all God's people.

Thanksgiving Service

A very impressive Thanksgiving service was held on Wednesday morning, November twenty-second. Mrs. Dorothy Franklin was in charge. At the beginning there was a meditation period during which Miss Colleen Talbert played Thanksgiving hymns. Following was a series of prayers offering thanks for the blessings of the year. A special song, "Come Ye Thankful People to the Lord," was rendered by members of the college choir. Mrs. Franklin then presented the speaker, Reverend Charles Antton, a student of the college. His message was very impressive stressing faith, charity, and love.

The Sunday School has an enrollment at the present time of about 60. This is not a hundred per cent record, but we hope that it will be before the end of the year.

There are now three organizations that make up the Sunday School. The teachers of these classes are: Mrs. Lawson Allen, Mrs. W. A. Hamrick, and Mrs. Hubert C. Dixon.

The first class, Mrs. Lawson Allen as teacher, has the following officers: President, Jackie Huskey; vice-president, Claudia Pearson and secretary, Martha Connor.

A business meeting of this class, during the month of November, was held at the home of Mrs. Allen. The meeting consisted of the election of minor officers and a short inspiring program by members of the class. At the close of the meeting Mrs. Allen served cocoa and cookies.

Mrs. W. A. Hamrick's class has the following officers: President, Beatrice Wilson; vice-president, Ruth Berry and secretary, Jeanne Rollins. Mrs. Hubert C. Dixon's class has the following officers: President, Elaine Ledbetter; vice-president, Hieslie Ree Bridges; secretary, Miriam Lipscomb and treasurer, Betty Jean Hamrick.

Each class plans to have at least one class meeting each month to discuss programs and plans for enlisting new members.

Our attendance has fallen somewhat, but we are sure that with the cooperation of all the students, we can soon build our Sunday School up to a desired standard.

TRAINING UNION

We consider "The Baptist Training Union" one of the most vital parts of our "Baptist Student Union" on Gardner-Webb campus.

This organization meets every Sunday night at 7 o'clock in the local church. Margaret Wacaster heads the Training Union as director, with Jackie Huskey as general secretary.

Our total membership with sixty-seven is divided into four unions, with Marjorie White, Louise Martin, Zeno Crump, and Claudia Pearson as union presidents.

Youth Temperance Council News

A Youth Temperance Council was organized on Gardner-Webb campus. It may before school closed last year. We were led in organizing by Mrs. L. L. Vann of Mars Hill College.

The officers elected to fight all alcoholic beverages and traffic in alcohol.

The officers elected to serve are: Earl Towery, president; Bob Beason, vice-president; Bernice McMurry, secretary and Evelyn Harrell, treasurer. Our president and vice-president attended the state Y. T. C. convention in Durham on October the tenth. They came back with some good ideas for the advancement of our work.

Some of the things we expect to do this year are the signing of at least five hundred total abstinence pledges to have some speakers who are authorities on alcohol and its effects, and the showing of some pictures on alcohol.

The Y. W. A. met in the auditorium of the E. B. Hamrick Building on Tuesday, October 10, 1944, for the purpose of organizing. The following officers were elected: Counselor, Miss Jennie Smith; president, Erlene Washburn; vice-president, Marjorie White; secretary, Jackie Huskey and Marigold Long; treasurer, Ruth Berry; Y. W. A. president, Earl Towery; community missions chairman, Emma Millard; devotional chairman, Polly School; literature chairman, Mary Sue Kester; library chairman, Mary Kate Bostic; social chairman, Evelyn Harrell; music chairman, Coleen Talbert; publicity chairman, Eriss Smith; and circle leaders, Macy Stanton, Martha Connor, Janice Falls, Martha Howell, and Myrtle Whitaker.

The general meetings are held on each Tuesday night after the second Sunday of each month and the circle meetings each Tuesday night after the fourth Sunday, monthly.

During the week of December 4-9 we observed the week of prayer, remembering those who have carried missions throughout the world, and for four weeks last year.

A playlet was given on the night of December 5 on "Tithing." This is one of the many missions we hope to help spread more knowledge and faith throughout the years to come.

Religious Emphasis

The Rev. John W. Suttle, prominent citizen and beloved pastor of Cleveland County, conducted a series of revival services during Religious Emphasis Week from 4th through December 10th.

The college schedule was rearranged that week so everyone might attend. Rev. Suttle is highly respected and well beloved by all those who know him. He is a faithful member of the college of his fine spirit and understanding of young people.

FACULTY PLANS FOR HOLIDAYS

The students are not the only ones at the college who will enjoy our holidays. The members of the faculty will go to their respective homes and enjoy twelve days vacation. Misses Dorothy Smith, Betty Jane Fuller and Abbie Mellers will go to their homes in Kentucky; Miss Watkins to her home in Jackson, Georgia; Miss Harper to Trenton, North Carolina, and Miss C. Robertson to M. O. North Carolina. The Allens will spend Christmas in Sylva. The Sullivans and the Davidsons who reside in the community, will spend their Christmas at home, Mr. and Mrs. Harris in Shelby.

Miss Wray will go to her home in Gaston, and North Carolina. Mr. Stacy plans to spend his holidays at home. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott plan to spend their Christmas at home also, because their daughters, Jayne, who is a student at Woman's College, and Ruth Eleanor, who is a graduate from John Hopkins January 1st, will be at home for the holidays.

"George has written a patriotic song to help the war." "So I hear. Aren't the modern methods of warfare horrible?"

After three years of war and bloodshed, suffering and starvation, weariness and unrest, we approach the Christmas season again. We have the hope in our hearts that the war will soon be over and to that end we pray and work. We want peace and pray for a just peace for all people in all the world. But we pray also that all people of the world will come to possess the "peace that passeth all understanding" which comes from accepting Christ as Saviour and Lord. The star of Bethlehem gives us hope in such a time as this—hope that others may see in the Star the light of the world and the paces for all the ills that beset mankind.

We look up toward the light and trust that from it will come a fuller understanding among the nations of the world which has its bases in the hearts of individuals. Some say that there is hope in the world and a little to make us happy this Christmas time, but we still have God. One in other years wrote from dark days of mission, "I said to the man who stood at the gate of the years, 'Give me a light that I may read surely by its known.' And he said, 'Go out into the darkness and place your hand in the hand of God. That shall be a light better than a light and safer than a known way.'" For this reason and for the year which opens, we make the words expressed above, our guiding light for the dark unknown days ahead.

The entire college staff, the students, the faculty, and paper, and all the friends express to you in the same old manner, Season's Greetings, Merry Christmas, and God bless us everyone.

Are You Ready To Resign?

A Sunday school teacher, because no conversions had occurred in her class of sixteen young men, resigned, and turned herself to blank, unprepared for the great work. Seeing the unflinching interest of her pupils, neither superintendent nor pastor would consent to it. In her anxiety she prayed more earnestly for the help of the Holy Spirit.

One day while thus pleading was so strongly moved to go and see a certain one at his home that she at once yielded, and in that home she so told her anxiety that when prayer was suggested the pupil knelt with her and soon yielded to Christ. This was most happily converted. This encouraged her she visited another, and another in turn, as opportunity offered, until she saw the whole sixteen won to Christ and added to the church.

As vacancies occurred in her class others joined, who were often converted. These pupils passing out into the business world were urged by her to write annually a letter as to their Christian life. Finally she was receiving as the years rolled on over two hundred letters from missionaries, lawyers, mechanics, farmers, physicians, and others from various parts of the world, still busy in pulpit, Sunday School, or other church work.

What if this teacher had continued to insist on her resignation? What if she had failed to try again? Would (6:9)

When we sophomores, first arrived at Gardner-Webb on September 18th, we hardly knew where we were because of the many changes that had been made about the campus during the summer months.

First we saw a new building on the southeast side of the girls' dormitory, a duplex apartment for two of our new learners and their families. Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Allen and little six year old daughter, Louise, occupy one part, and Dean and Mrs. C. H. Sullivan and little son, Jarue, the other.

The dormitory that was known last year as "Minerva Hall" has lost its name and is again called "The Barn." Last year we occupied the building and they decided "The Barn" didn't sound quite dignified enough but this year after building it with new boys and they decided "Minerva Hall" was a little too dignified—so it's "The Barn" again.

At the girls' dormitory we noticed quite a few changes. Because the rooms on second and third floors were filled to capacity we had many applications kept coming in, the officials did their very best to accommodate as many girls as possible. The physical department on the first floor of the dormitory was moved to the E. B. Hamrick Building and rooms furnished to accommodate at least fifteen girls. On the other end of the building the rooms previously known as the girls' study were converted into a suite for Mr. and Mrs. Harris, our new dietitian and her husband.

The greatest shock came when we went into the office of the Dean of Women. The room was completely furnished with the new furniture. The attractive desk and sofa always catch the eye of our visitors.

Every day we see improvements being made about the campus—something new being added. We realize now more than ever that the school is a great institution, mentally, and spiritually. In appreciation for what the school is giving us, we in turn will strive to give it our very best.

DEAN OF WOMEN

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All the girls get their problems. She always had open ears and some plans that will help solve these problems of all descriptions. She is one you can pour your whole heart out to.

Besides the English classes and duties as Dean of Women, she has been an instructor of the Dramatic Department. In directing the plays she makes perfection her aim. She is so hearty toward it. This does not apply only to plays but to everything she does. We will always remember her for her interest in the school, and her efforts to give it her very best.

Bachelor: What's the pad over your wife's eye?
 Husband: Pad? That's her hat.—Ex.

she have been held responsible by God. Is God holding us responsible for opportunities of which we do not take advantage? "Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, and we will find not." (Galatians