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April 15 - Day Of Long Remembrance For Consolidated College

by Dr. Marshall Scott Woodson

Wednesday, April 15, was a "red letter" day, with groundbreaking exercises taking place on the new campus in Laurinburg. Before a large gathering, a very impressive ceremony was held. Acting President Woodson presided, with the invocation led by Vice President Louis C. LaMotte. Stirring addresses were made by Mr. Hector MacLean, the Chairman of the Board, and Mr. Halbert M. Jones, Chairman of the Building Committee. A prayer of dedication was offered by Dr. Albert N. Wells, pastor of the Laurinburg Presbyterian Church. Greetings were conveyed to the Assembly by President William Presly of Peace College. The service was closed with Bishop W. W. Peele pronouncing the benediction.

The buildings on the new campus are to be built around a seventy-acre lake, and it is believed that the new campus will be one of the prettiest in America.

The Consolidated College will have a unique curriculum, which was drawn up by a group of outstanding educators summer before last at Chapel Hill. Recently, the Danforth Foundation has given the college a sizeable grant of money with which to finance the preliminary work in preparation of the key course on Christianity and Culture.

Last summer, President Woodson took part in a workshop on General Education at Teachers College, Columbia University. Upon his return home, Dr. Karl W. Bigelow of Teachers College, who conducted the workshop, wrote, saying, "Yours is one of the most exciting opportunities in higher education that I know of, and the way in which planning is being carried out is really remarkable."

The architects are busy drawing up plans for the buildings, and it is hoped that bids can be sought for some of these units within the very near future.

The Board of Trustees is still hoping to be able to open the college to students in the fall of 1960. At the beginning, two programs will be provided. One of these will be for freshmen entering college for the first time, who will follow through on the curriculum for the new college which has been called a new concept in Christian higher education. The second program will be for students transferring from one of the three institutions to the new campus. It will be possible for a student from one of the three colleges to move into the Consolidated College and continue to complete the same curriculum under which they entered any one of the three institutions.

The Consolidated College, with



Jean MacRae is Maid of Honor to Flora Macdonald's Queen of the May, Nancy Jo Thompson.

Dorm Life At Consolidated Presbyterian College

by Sally Day

Wouldn't it be nice if the girls on Vardell III had a living room? McCain III would be so much nicer with bathroom facilities so they wouldn't have to share the ones on Morgan III and Vardell III. How I would love to have a storage room for my suitcases and trunk so I wouldn't fall over them every time I run out of my room in a hurry! And a sunbathing area for the entire dormitory where we wouldn't have to wear raincoats to and from sunbathing. I guess it would be too much to ask for a bathroom large enough to hang out a night's wash — and showers of course would be out of the question! Don't jump to conclusions — this could and will happen as soon as September, 1960 appears on the calendar and the Consolidated Presbyterian College opens its doors. These are

its exciting and fresh curriculum, has already attracted the attention of educators across America.

Mr. Silas M. Vaughn, a young man of wide training and experience, has been secured as the Business Manager for the Consolidated College and has opened up a new office for the college on the second floor of the State Bank of Laurinburg.

just a few dreams of Flossie's lassies that will come true, but let us take an even closer look and see if the new college answers all that we want it to.

Someone would immediately ask, "How can a student body that embraces 600-1000 students maintain a spirit of unity? Will there be the feeling of closeness on the new campus as we find here at FMC? How can a big college still have the atmosphere found on a small campus? These are the kinds of questions that the planners of the Consolidated Presbyterian College had in mind when they considered student life and student government for the new college.

The main medium to be used to create a positive student body atmosphere will be the fact that the dormitories will be small units. One half of the buildings will have only 64 students plus a dormitory resident. The other half will have only 80. These groups will have their own dorm council and contribute members to a larger campus student government. While the dorm resident will have certain duties generally attributed to the traditional house mother, the bulk of the supervision will rest upon the students involved.

To help mold each dorm into

May Day Is Upon Us

On Saturday afternoon, May 2, around 3:30, the front campus of Flora Macdonald will really begin to look like the Old South, for indeed the Old South is the theme of this year's May Day program. As the program begins we will see that people from the nearby countryside will gather at the Old Plantation to celebrate the traditional May Day. They will all be eager to greet the Queen of May and to take part in the festivities.

A group of pioneering folk on their way west will be sure to stop by to pay homage to the May Queen and to join in the dances. All the darkies on the plantation will gather at the Big House to watch the dancing and to see what is going on. As you can easily surmise, they will be asked to dance for the guests. To end the day's activities the traditional May pole will be brought in.

The dances honoring the May Queen will be the traditional Highland Fling by the Juniors and the Virginia Reel, Quadrilles, Square Dance, American Minuet, Southern Polka, and the Schottische by the Sophomore and Freshman classes.

This year's May Queen is Nancy Jo Thompson and her Maid of Honor is Jean Carol McRae. On the May Court are Senior class representatives: Chung Soon Kim,

Mildred Lynda Hill, and Adeline Geneva Brady; Junior class representatives: Jo Rita Cox, Eunice Jeneal Deaver, and Virginia Carroll Shoemaker; Sophomore class representatives: Sybil Florence Moore and Lucille Chase Collins; and Freshmen class representatives: Dorcas Ann Cox and Frances Amelia Gibson.

During the weeks to come everyone on the campus will be working frantically preparing for the big day. All the girls will be working together trying to perfect their dances and to get their costumes in order. Mr. Lang and his crew of men will be found here, there and everywhere doing innumerable tasks. The evercalm Miss Bateman will be supervising the last minute activities with the greatest of ease while everyone else is in a "dither" because the great moment is approaching and everything is not ready. Even the Seniors, who get to watch this their last year, will be preparing for the day by getting out their white dresses and getting them ready for the job of marshalling.

As we look at the gardens and the many beautiful flowers on the campus coming to the peak of their blooming, we know that indeed spring is here and that our May Day will be a great occasion with all the traditional trimmings.

a working unit the students will, in addition to their student government activities, also pursue various recreational and intramural sports and other activities based around the dormitory group. They will get to know the other residents in a more intimate way in lieu of the fact that their evening meal will be served in the dormitory around small tables very similar to the present Flora Macdonald College eating facilities.

Even these small units are to be broken down further with the use of apartment-style houses. The apartments will embrace groups of 8, 10, and 12 and will consist of a living room, bedrooms, and bath. The dorm will be constructed so that the living quarters will be built around an open court. This will be our sunbathing area and unless someone uses a helicopter, this area will be private! Each dorm will, also, have a storage room, a laundry room for washing and drying clothes, a reception room, etc.

So if you are worried about being lost in a crowd at the Consolidated Presbyterian College, you have very little to fear. In addition to all the many clubs and large group activities, each resident student will be a resident of an apartment, a citizen in a dormitory community, and then participate in a campus-wide student government program. In this way, social groups will be creat-

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MAY DAY DANCE

There will be a dance on May 2 May Day, sponsored by the Student Council, Athletic Association, and the Senior, Junior, Sophomore, and Freshmen classes. The committee for the dance is Janis Pigott, general chairman, and her committee of Faye Phillips, Jeanette Cole and Elaine Batts. The dance will be held on front campus.

SENIOR BEACH TRIP

On May 15 the Seniors will rush off to Myrtle Beach, S. C. They will stay at the "Tally Ho." This trip taken annually by the Seniors is an event long looked forward to by all.

A. A. PICNIC

Food, fun, and fellowship are in store for everyone at the A. A. Picnic on back campus April 25. The boy day students challenge the varsity volleyball players to an outside volleyball game. It really sounds like something exciting. Many games are planned for all faculty, staff, and students. And don't forget . . . food.

DAY STUDENTS' BEACH TRIP

The week end of May 16 will find many of the Day Students and their dates on the way to Cherry Grove Beach, South Carolina.