

# Peace Demonstration Staged At Louisburg College

A small band of Louisburg College students with one faculty member among them and led by another staged a lie-in peace demonstration on the West Campus here Tuesday. According to reliable reports about fifteen students, including two coeds, lay down on the ground in front of the AC building and covered themselves with sheets denoting the dead bodies of Vietnam victims. Some, the reports say, were covered with black sheets while others were covered with white sheets.

Sidney Earl Stafford, Instructor of Religion, apparently led the group, according to the reports. Stafford, it was said, stood facing the AC building

as some 500 freshmen students left their chapel program, holding a sign reading: "How many more of us must die-Before you care? Vietnam." A second report said the sign read: "How many more must die before you do something about Vietnam." It was also reported that Robert J. Versteeg, Associate Professor of Religion and Drama, was among those lying on the ground.

The demonstration, which took place around 11:30 A.M., was witnessed by the freshmen and several faculty members.

One student said, "The outer world has been creeping in for a long time. Franklin County is no longer isolated-a hiding place from the outside-the life of reality in the United States today."

Reaction on the campus, according to reports, has been varied. One coed was quoted as saying, "That professor should lose his job... the very idea of bringing that mess to Louisburg." Another stated, that the principle of protesting was good as long as it is orderly, but she did not agree with the protesters' idea of "not supporting President Nixon's war policy."

One out-of-county student, a veteran of Vietnam, said, "This type movement on American campuses is exactly what the Communists pray for every night." And another Vietnam

veteran added, "I wish these kids would think about those teenage boys over there in mud up to their elbows, fighting for their country, and give them a little support."

One pretty coed said, "President Nixon is playing God by sending these to unnecessary deaths" and Stafford reportedly commented that the U. S. has played Big Daddy long enough.

A freshman said he would be "glad to serve (his) time in the military service and (to) support his government" because he felt it is his "duty to do so."

Still another student, a sophomore said, "Many things were accomplished by the carrying out of this mild,

peaceful protest against the U. S. war policy in Vietnam. First of all, the participants were doing something. They were using the constitutional right of voicing an opinion. These protesters were trying to wake up the campus to become aware and to care about what is going on in the world around it. Ground was gained by this group not only by being a part of a national movement, but also by actively saying 'Why doesn't the United States try to save lives rather than save face'. The best way to look after our servicemen is to bring them home-alive."

And the sophomore added, "The outer world has once more touched

the heartstrings of home-Franklin County. Are we ready for what the future may bring?"

In November, 1965 Louisburg College students organized a project to send gifts to servicemen in Vietnam. The students called the move Operation Merry Christmas and staged a march downtown on December 2, following which students and locals citizens went on a gift buying spree in local stores. The N. C. National Guard that year sponsored Operation Christmas Star and the gifts collected by LJC students were delivered to Vietnam by the Guard in time for Christmas. Most of the student body participated in the project.



**Homecoming Contestants**

Pictured above are the Homecoming Queen candidates at Louisburg College. Left from bottom to top: Frances Griffin, Louisburg; Connie Wilson, Chase City, Va.; Leiza Hall, Roanoke Rapids; Josephine Medlin, Louisburg; Cyndie Schubert, Louisburg; Jennifer Swain, Plymouth; Sharon Perry, Raleigh; and Cathy Schaeffer, Coral Gables, Fla. Right from bottom to top: Mary Newill, Wilmington, Delaware; Beth McDonald, Louisburg; Janie Hoffman, Southern Pines, and Paula Darden, Fayetteville.

## College Fund Drive Enters Final Month

Project Attainment, the vital fund raising program of Louisburg College, designed to produce nearly two million dollars in new buildings and other essentials at the College, goes into its final month today.

To accomplish the total projection, the constituency is being asked to raise a total of \$850,000, with the Louisburg-Franklin County portion established as \$125,000.

Local chairman, John H. Hodges, announced this morning a total of \$27,490 has been raised locally. "Actually we have just begun our effort in Louisburg" Hodges stated, "and with a real effort on the part of all our workers we should reach our goal in the next few weeks."

Louisburg College president, Dr. Cecil W. Robbins, expressed confidence that the program will attain its objective. "We all realize we are in a life or death struggle with this project" he announced. "We knew it would not be easy, but we are certainly encouraged by the support we have received to date. Our primary need right now is for our campaign workers to bear down and get their calls completed. We think, we believe, Louisburg College is important to the business elements of the community. What the community does in the next three weeks will determine the extent to which our opinion is justified."

E. Hoover Taft, Jr., president of the College board of trustees who is serving as general chairman of the Project Attainment program, reported total raised to date in all areas of contact now stands at \$325,438.00.

"We are delighted and definitely encouraged by the tremendous response that has greeted our efforts so far," Taft announced. "Only one of our seven divisions has completed its assignments at this time. The College Family Division comprising all full time employees on our staff, completed its work last Friday. Audited contributions from these people totaled \$85,481.00, which we regard as a tremendous endorsement of our program."

In addition to the Louisburg-Franklin County division, solicitation is also underway among Parents,

Friends, Alumni, Foundations and the Board of Trustees. The latter division is scheduled for completion by November 30.

Primary objectives of the Project Attainment program are the new Academic-Science Building, a Student Center, and a new residence hall for men. Appropriate applications for government grants will be prepared in the near future.

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## Homecoming At College This Weekend

The Louisburg College Alumni Association will sponsor its annual Homecoming event this Saturday, November 22. According to the Director of Alumni Affairs, Walter Jones, approximately 300 former grads are expected to return for the gala affair. Registration for all alumni will be from 5-6 p.m. in the Main Building lobby. From 6-7:30 p.m. a buffet dinner and business meeting will be held in the B. N. Duke College Cafeteria.

At 7:30 there will be the tip-off of the important Cavalier-Tar Heel Conference basketball clash between the Louisburg College Hurricanes and the Southwood College Rams. Half-time activities will feature the presentation of the Homecoming Court and the selection of the 1969 Homecoming Queen.

Immediately following the basketball game will come the climax of the evening when Josh White, Jr. presents a concert in the College Auditorium.

All area alumni are invited to return to the campus, spend the day renewing old friendships, and attending the various events.

## Earthquake Strikes Seven States Tremors Felt Here

The earth shook, dishes rattled and chairs moved here last night around 8 P.M. and locals manned their telephones in an attempt to discover what had happened. Louisburg and some other county areas were struck with earth tremors as an earthquake hit and was felt in seven states ranging from West Virginia to Georgia.

A teacher here reported that he was alone at home at the time and that so severe was the jolt that he went outside to inspect for damage. He said he timed the tremor at 8:05 P.M. and that it lasted only a short time. Others estimated the duration at around ten seconds, but in some states the shakes were felt for as much as 18 minutes.

A local businessman called to report that he and his wife were disturbed over the tremor and that his house shook. One man said he was on top of a ladder at the time and felt nothing. The local radio central headquarters at the Louisburg fire station reported several telephone calls inquiring about the tremors.

One report from the White Level section said it was not felt there and another from the Youngsville area said the same. However, Franklinton reported that the tremor was felt in that

vicinity.

No damage was done in the Franklin area as far as has been reported by mid morning today, but some minor damage was reported in the Raleigh area.

The National Earthquake Information Center in Rockville, Md., said the jolt was recorded there at exactly 8 P.M. and measured 4.75 on the Richter scale. This is strong enough to break windows, it said. The disastrous 1964 Alaska quake measured 8.5 Richter.

The center appeared to be somewhere in the Virginia-West Virginia border region, said the Rockville spokesman.

The disturbance was called a "nice little earthquake" by Father Edward Bradley, associate professor of physics at Xavier University, Cincinnati,

which has a seismograph.

"I think it's just a minor shift," said Andrew Olsen, assistant director of the Fernbank Science Center in Atlanta. "I don't think it's anything to worry about. Anything in this part of the country is unusual if it's strong enough to be felt."

Other locales reporting tremors included Wytheville, Va., where telephone and electric services were disrupted; Collinsville and the southern Shenandoah Valley of Virginia across the state to the Richmond suburbs and south to Raleigh, Durham and Charlotte, N. C.; Columbia, S. C., and Athens and Augusta, Ga.

Officials at Rockville put the epicenter of the quake 60 miles west of Roanoke, Va., and 70 miles southwest

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## Ho, Hum, More Men Land On The Moon

Locals are taking a ho-hum attitude as the United States landed two more astronauts on the moon this week. Very little conversation is being heard about the event locally. Few indeed, are those who sat up into the wee hours of the morning to view the second landing and fewer still are those describing in detail what they might have seen.

The excitement of the first moon landing is noticeably missing from this week's epic event, Astronauts Charles Conrad, Jr. and Alan L. Bean sat their lunar ferry, Intrepid, down on the moon's surface at 1:54:29 A.M. Wednesday. At 6:44 A.M. Conrad became the third man in history to step on the moon. Bean followed shortly thereafter.

This morning at 9:23, the two Astronauts blast off for the journey home. So exact is the American program, the public now takes for granted that going to the moon is routine.

## Farm Bureau Hits Governor

John Ihrie, President of the Franklin County Farm Bureau, today released the contents of a resolution adopted by the annual state convention this week in which the farm organization hits at Governor Bob Scott for his remarks in a speech before the convention.

The resolution says the Governor "abused the dignity of the high office and used it to severely criticize and accuse farm organizations and their leadership."

Ihrie, obviously displeased with the things the Governor said, stated that he has decided against any public statements at this time.

The full text of the resolution, adopted by the state convention and endorsed by the local President, follows:

"Aware of differences of opinion, and with due respect for the office of governor of North Carolina, the North Carolina Farm Bureau invited Governor Robert W. Scott to address its

34th annual convention in Durham Tuesday, November 18, 1969. The convention in no way expected to be placated as a result of its opposition to tax measures advocated by the governor and passed by the 1969 General Assembly. Rather, it was hoped the governor would use the occasion to bridge the gap of disagreement now existing among a great majority of the state's population as regards that action. The voting delegates to this convention conclude that Governor Scott abused the dignity of the high office and used it to severely criticize and accuse farm organizations and their leadership - local state and national for their supposed inattention to issues confronting present-day agricultural producers. While we cannot speak for other farm organizations, or their leadership, policy is not initiated by state or national Farm Bureau leadership. It is developed by members this state and nation for

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## Nickels Referendum Scheduled

Franklin County farm families are being urged to mark November 25 as a special date on their calendar. This is the Nickels for Know-How referendum day throughout North Carolina.

"By now, our farmers should be thoroughly familiar with the issue that is to be voted on," observed C. T. Dean, Jr., county extension chairman. "Our hope is that every eligible voter will take the few minutes required to cast a ballot. We would like to have the largest turnout in the 18-year history of the program."

Nickels for Know-How is the North Carolina farmers' own program of self help. Through it, farmers donate five cents for each ton of feed and fertilizer purchased to support agricultural research and education at North Carolina State University.

The program has been voted on each three years since 1951. A favorable vote by two-thirds of those voting is required to renew the program, this time for six years. In previous referendums, the vote has been heavily in favor of renewal.

Dean explained that participation in Nickels for Know-How is voluntary. Although the five-cent assessment is included in the price of the feed or fertilizer at the time of purchase, any farmer can have this assessment returned to him upon request.

The county extension chairman also explained that the Nickels fund is administered by the North Carolina Agricultural Foundation which is composed of farmers and farm leaders from each of the 100 counties.

"It would be impossible to express

## Mapleville Gets Award

Mapleville Community was awarded second place in the large rural community category at last night's Capital Area Development Association Awards Banquet held at Meredith College in Raleigh according to Linwood Leary, Assistant County Agricultural Agent.

Mapleville Community is led by J. L. Strickland, Louisburg, North Carolina, Route 4, who served as chairman of the community during the year. The community was presented a cash award of \$100.00 for their efforts.

First place winner in the large rural community category was Townsville Community in Vance County. Other winners included Ridgeway in Warren County in the small rural community category.

Strong points for Mapleville Community during the year was their work in housing, youth development, and community wide programs.



**Thanksgiving Favors Prepared**

Members of the Hospital Guild and the Louisburg Garden Club are shown above Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Spencer on Jeffers Drive here preparing tray favors for patients at Franklin Memorial Hospital. Pictured, left to right, clockwise, are Mrs. Fred Lohmeyer, Mrs. George Weaver, Mrs. George Ford, Mrs. John Lloyd, Mrs. Herman Spencer, Mrs. Marvin Pleasants, Mrs. Thomas Wheelless, Mrs. John Mills and Mrs. J. B. Wheelless.

The favors project has been sponsored for several years by the Guild and many other local organizations have helped in carrying it out. The Therapy Committee of the Garden Club is handling the Thanksgiving project. Other similar projects are slated as follows: Christmas, Mrs. Marjorie Leonard's Home Economics Class at Louisburg High School; Valentine, Town and Country Garden Club; St. Patrick's Day, Miss Gertrude Winston and Easter, Mrs. Jane House's Intermediate Girl Scouts.

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