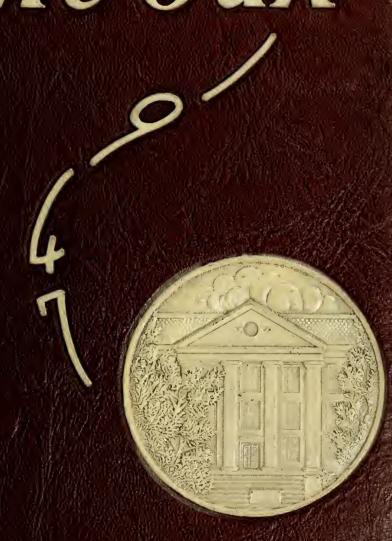
The Oak











The Students of Louisburg College



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ON BEHALF of the student body and The Oak staff we take this opportunity to extend appreciation to the many people who, in numerous ways, contributed to the publication of this yearbook. Especially do we wish to recognize the support of our advertising patrons, the promptness with which Brumfield Studio produced the student pictures, and the untiring efforts of Edwards & Broughton Co., publishers.

BILL BONHAM, Editor-in-Chief. Mae Bell, Business Manager.

OF THE STUDENT BODY OF LOUISBURG...



ALMA MATER THROUGH

TYPICAL scenes of the campus through the years and in 1947 are shown below. In advancing through various physical stages since its birth, Louisburg College is seen taking increasing prominence in the lives of students. For the first time since the inauguration of co-education in 1931, men students outnumber women students by a majority of three to one. More than two hundred of the three hundred fifty students enrolled are veterans of World War II. In order to relieve the congestion in housing, the federal government is building an apartment house to accommodate eight married veterans and a second house for sixteen single veterans. Besides these housing units, a trailer camp of twenty trailers is being set up by the college.

Early Building



Main Building 1860

Main Building Damaged by Fire 1928



THE CHANGING YEARS ...

Housing Unit for Married Veterans

Trailer Camp



Housing Unit for Single Veterans

THE FUTURE promises additional changes for Alma Mater. The financial gifts from friends are making possible the development of plans for the expansion of the physical plant and for the achievement of higher spiritual and scholastic goals. A gift of \$50,000 from Mr. James Gray, Winston-Salem, N. C., in January 1947, and the gifts of many other individuals, as friends and as members of The Methodist Church, indicate a brighter tomorrow for the college.

Dedicated to



R. W. RAINWATER, JR.

IN DEEP APPRECIATION of his untiring efforts, genuine enthusiasm, and earnest helpfulness the staff sincerely dedicates this 1947~OAK to Dean R. W. Rainwater, Jr.—leader, gentleman, and friend.

In Appreciation



DR. H. E. SPENCE

Professor of Religious Education

Duke Divinity School

AS A WRITER, clergyman, and teacher, Dr. Spence has won a place of high distinction. In churches and schools, plays and pageants from his pen have been presented with more than average effect.

The pageant, enacted on May Day in celebration of the 160th anniversary of Louisburg College, was written by Dr. Spence. To him, for his significant service to Alma Mater, we express the genuine appreciation of the student body.

OUR PRES



DR. AND MRS. PATTEN



The President's Home

IDENT



WALTER PATTEN, A.B., M.A., D.D. President

DR. PATTEN became President of Louisburg College on the eve of a new era—an era of growth. During his eight years as President, he has contributed immensely to Alma Mater's financial and scholastic standing. To Dr. Patten—a truly great leader—we sincerely pay tribute.

On March 8, 1947, Dr. Patten passed away suddenly at his residence in Louisburg. His death came as a severe shock to all of the college family. His labors in behalf of our beloved Alma Mater were such as to cause the student body and faculty to remember him with lasting gratitude.



Main Building

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Registrar

Campus Scenes

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Dean of Women

R. W. RAINWATER, JR.
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Dean of Men





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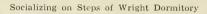
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A.A.
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ETHEL FINISTER, A.B., M.A.

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BILL BONHAM

Friendliest Mae Bell

Best-All-Round Girl
BETSY BOBBITT

Most Popular JACK RASCOE

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Bradford Fearing	.President
JACK RASCOEVice	President
Betsy Bobbitt	.Secretary
PRIDENCE CORR	Treasurer

HISTORY

WE, THE SENIORS of Louisburg College, realizing the present need for higher education and Christian understanding in a world that must have the guidance of those who can successfully lead toward an era of peace, face the most important task in world history. The present generation is responsible for two accomplishments: one, the elimination of those ideologies and practices retarding the advancement of civilization; two, the direction of world society along the pathway of coöperation, brotherhood, and peace. The first objective was largely attained on August 14, 1945.

Today, our purpose in college is to preserve the gain made toward the first objective and to guarantee the success of the second. Even though others before us have failed, the light of hope still shines; and we, without doubt of success, are taking the responsibility of giving future generations a peaceful world.

Seniors



Left to right

EUTHER ANDREWS, Louisburg
Dramatic Club; S.C.A.; Commercial
Club; Physical Education Club.

THURSTON ARNOLD, Wendell S.C.A.; Columns.

RALPH BADGETTE, Cameron Dramatic Club; S.C.A.

MAUDE BARNES, Sunbury S.C.A.; Commercial Club.

MAE BELL, Louisburg
Physical Education Club; Athletic Association French Club; The Oak.

ROBERT BELL, Snowden

CARLTON BLACKMAN, Garland S.C.A.; Student Government.

KATIE BLANTON, Fayetteville Phi Theta Kappa; S.C.A.; Glee Club; THE OAK; Methodist Student Movement; Beta Phi Gamma. First row, left to right:

MARY BLUE, Vass

Athletic Association; Physical Education Club; S.C.A.

Betsy Bobbitt, Aberdeen
Athletic Association; S.C.A.; Physical Education Club.

BILL BONHAM, Rose Hill THE OAK; Student Government; Glee Club; Dramatic Club; S.C.A.; Methodist Student Movement.

Mary Bowles, Timberlake Alpha Pi Epsilon; Commercial Club. Second row:

JEAN BRIGHT, Elizabeth City Alpha Pi Epsilon; Commercial Club.

Mary Brown, Bridgeton Physical Education Club; Glee Club; Commercial Club; Methodist Student Movement; S.C.A.

CHARLES BRYANT, Stedman Veterans' Club; S.C.A.

POLLY BULLARD, Roseboro
Alpha Pi Epsilon; S.C.A.; Commercial
Club; Physical Education Club.

Seniors



First row, left to right:

Carty

Margaret Bynum, Farmville Alpha Pi Epsilon; Commercial Club; Physical Education Club; Student Government; S.C.A.

Clay

EARL BYRD, Apex

RICHARD BYRD, Warsaw Beta Phi Gamma; Veterans' Club.

Mary Carr, Farmville Alpha Pi Epsilon; Physical Education Club. Second row:

Cobb

CHARLES CARTY, Durham Veterans' Club.

Cole

RUSSELL CLAY, Roxboro Veterans' Club.

PRUDENCE COBB, Windsor S.C.A., Columns.

Frances Cole, Castalia S.C.A.

Left to right:

JOYCE COLLIER. Pikeville S.C.A.; Commercial Club; Physical Education Club; Glee Club.

STEVE CRESSWELL, Moncure

CREICHTON CUTHRELL, Louisburg Physical Education Club; Athletic Association.

Frances Davis, Carthage Phi Theta Kappa; S.C.A.; Student Government; Columns.

DENNIS DICKERSON, Ingleside

AUBREY DIXON, Roper Dramatic Club; S.C.A.

LAWRENCE DUNCAN, New Bern S.C.A.

SALLIE EDMONDSON, Pinetops S.C.A.



Seniors



Left to right:

ELEANOR ELLINGTON, Monson Glee Club; S.C.A.

JEAN EMERSON, Dallas, Georgia

GORDON ETHRIDGE, South Mills S.C.A.

George Exum, Rocky Mount
Dramatic Club; Veterans' Club; Commercial Club.

Bradford Fearing, Manteo Student Government; Dramatic Club.

ELOISE FOWLKES, Rocky Mount
Physical Education Club; Athletic Association; Dramatic Club Columns;
Student Government.

G. H. Fussell, Rose Hill Veterans' Club.

MARY FUSSELL, Rose Hill Commercial Club.

First row, left to right:

MARY GARDNER, Macon

LYDIA GREENE, Mt. Gilead S.C.A.; Commercial Club.

CAROLYN GRIFFIN, Elizabeth City Physical Education Club; S.C.A.; Athletic Association.

ELWOOD GUILFORD, Florence, S. C. Dramatic Club; S.C.A.

Haithcock

Second row:

RACHEL HAITHCOCK, Mt. Gilead Glee Club; Dramatic Club; Alpha Pi Epsilon; S.C.A.

LA VERNE HARDISON, Greenville

Marie Hazelwood, Walnut Cove S.C.A.; Commercial Club; Physical Education Club.

Marian Hodges, Washington Physical Education Club; Athletic Association.

Seniors



Hazelwood

Hodges

Hardison

Holder Jernigan Jernigan Layden



First row, left to right:

MURPHY HOLDER, Apex

HAROLD JERNIGAN, Louisburg

 $\label{eq:continuous} \mbox{Horace Jernigan, Louisburg} \\ \mbox{S.C.A.; Phi Theta Kappa.}$

HARRIET LAYDEN, Hertford S.C.A.; Commercial Club.

Second row:

Myra Little, Fayetteville Physical Education Club; Athletic Association; S.C.A.

CHARLOTTE MANN, Newport

Alpha Pi Epsilon; Student Government.

 $\begin{array}{c} {\rm BILLIE\ Meggs,\ Elizabeth\ City} \\ {\rm Phi\ Theta\ Kappa.} \end{array}$

EVELYN MERRITT. Chapel Hill

Left to right:

NITA MIDGETTE, Stumpy Point Commercial Club; S.C.A.

 $\label{eq:hardy Mills} {\rm Hardy\ Mills,\ Raleigh}$ The Oak.

JOHN ORRELL, Winston-Salem

CLIVE OVERBY, Warrenton
Dramatic Club; Athletic Association.

HAZEL OWEN, Elizabethtown Physical Education Club.

JEAN PARKER, Elizabeth City Physical Education Club; Dramatic Club.

Marjorie Peele, Middlesex Glee Club; Alpha Pi Epsilon; Dramatic Club; S.C.A.

RALPH PEGRAM, Winston-Salem
Phi Theta Kappa; S.C.A.: Commercial
Club.



Seniors

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Seniors



Left to right:

GLENN PERSON, Louisburg

JOHN PHILLIPS, Parkton

JACK RASCOE, Burlington Veterans' Club; S.C.A.

Jаск Rasor, Creswell Beta Phi Gamma; Columns; Dramatic Club; S.C.A.

BILLY REEVES, Fayetteville Student Government: S.C.A.

ELEANOR RHODES. Newport
Physical Education Club; Dramatic Club.

LINWOOD SHELOCK, Elizabeth City Commercial Club; Dramatic Club; S.C.A.

> Joan Simmons, Enfield Physical Education Club; Dramatic Club; Alpha Pi Epsilon; Glee Club; Columns.

First row, left to right:

CHARLES SKINNER, Hertford Veterans' Club.

EMOGENE SMITH, Pink Hill S.C.A.; Glee Club; Physical Education Club.

L. B. Smith, Cameron S.C.A.; The Oak.

Betty Stainback, Henderson S.C.A.; Commercial Club.

Second row:

DOROTHY STAINBACK, Henderson S.C.A.: Commercial Club.

ESTHER STALLINGS, Elizabeth City Alpha Pi Epsilon; Commercial Club.

Nell Stallings, Zebulon S.C.A.; Commercial Club; Physical Education Club.

Betty Thigpen, Edenton

Alpha Pi Epsilon; S.C.A.; Student Government; Glee Club; Dramatic Club; Commercial Club; Physical Education Club; Columns.

Seniors



Stainback

Stallings

Stallings

Thigpen

Turnage Vincent Vick Canon

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First row, left to right:

Webb

JANE TURNAGE, Farmville Student Government; THE OAK; Physical Education Club; Atheltic Association.

White

Marjorie Vincent, Roanoke Rapids S.C.A.; Commercial Club; Dramatic Club.

JOYCE VICK, Morehead City Commercial Club; Physical Education Club.

Peggy Von Canon, Sanford Glee Club; Physical Education Club; S.C.A.

Whitley
Second row:

Peggy Webb, Pine Hall S.C.A.; Commercial Club; Physical Education Club.

Williams

DOROTHY WHITE, Hertford S.C.A.

Geraldine Whitley, Kinley Alpha Pi Epsilon; S.C.A.; Physical Education Club; Glee Club.

Joe Williams, Charlotte Veterans' Club.

Left to right:

CURTIS WILSON, Chapanoke Glee Club; Dramatic Club; S.C.A.

GEORGE WISE, Charlotte Veterans' Club; Dramatic Club.

KATHERINE WOOD, Louisburg S.C.A.

Stanley Yelverton, Eureka Veterans' Club.

JUANITA YOUNG, Marion
Physical Education Club; Commercial
Club; S.C.A.



Seniors



JUNIORS



Students of the First Year

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HISTORY

YESTERDAY we entered the halls of learning—our hopes high, and our hearts expectant. For some of us, school days were long past; for others of us, this adventure was our first away from home—for all of us, college was entirely new, and adjustments had to be made.

Today, faced with the knowledge that only through a constant search for truth will we become worthy leaders, we are determined to make the most of our opportunities that we may offer leadership of courage and integrity in tomorrow's world.

Juniors



Left to right:

Ben Allen, Louisburg
W. R. Allen, Charlotte
Charlye Arnette, Broadway
Helen Ayscue, Henderson

W. D. AYSCUE, Kittrell THOMAS BAKER, Greensboro WALTER BAKER, Kinston GEORGE BALLANCE, Elizabeth City

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B. T. Boyd, Edenton

Edwin Boyette, Benson

David Bradshaw, Goldsboro

Bill Bramell, Elmer, N. J.

James Brinn, Creswell
Jewel Brown, Durham
Louis Bryan, South Hill, Va.
John Burchett, Norlina

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James Carter, Durham
Paul Casey, New Bern
Calvin Caviness, Goldston
Elwood Cayton, New Bern

Frank Ceruzzi,
Port Chester, N. Y.

Daryl Clayton, Williamston
Raymond Cloninger,
Charlotte

John Cobb. Fremont

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LEW COLEY, Rocky Mount
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James Dodd, Clayton
Coy Eaves, Henderson
Donald Fetner, Durham
Marshall Fields, Goldsboro

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Nanette Fletcher,
Norfolk, Va.
Nyal Flowers, Pamlico
Wallace Flynt, Germanton



Juniors



Left to right:

John Forehand, Swansboro James Fournier, Swansboro John Foust, Mt. Vernon Spring

Orlando Fransi, Cardena, Cuba

Marvin Garner, Newport Martin Garrett, Cartersville, Va.

WILLIAM GAY,
Roanoke Rapids
HARRIS GIBSON, Nichols, S. C.

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WILLIAM HARRELL, Palmyra Edwin Harrington, Lillington

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WILLARD HAYES, Rocky Mount BETTY HEENEY, Rockingham WILLIAM HICKSON, Jacksonville, Fla.

ETHRO HILL, Deep Run

OLIVER HOWELL, Sanford GORDON HUNT, Goldsboro CLYDE HUNTER, Rocky Mount ANNE JACKSON, Kinston

MARY JACKSON, Kinston
EUGENE JAMES. Bethel
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Lois Kinlaw, Lumberton Joseph Knight, Leaksville E. D. Lackey, Fallston Joseph Lamb, Elizabeth City

B. M. Langford, Raleigh George Laws, Durham G. W. Leggett, Scotland Neck Jack B. Liles, Spring Hope



Juniors



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Huldah Lineberry, Asheboro Marvin Lowder, Rutherford College

A. K. McDonald, Star Samuel Mann, Lillington

EARL MARCOM, Kinston
WILLIAM MARTIN, Eureka
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Washington

PHILIP MEEKINS, Stumpy Point

William Melson, Elizabeth City

O. C. Melton, Mamers Dorothy Midgette, Waves

GLORIA MIDGETTE, Waves
M. M. MILLER, Elizabeth City
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WARD PENDLEY, Fort Bragg
EDGAR PENNELL, Charlotte
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RUSSELL PERGERSON, Louisburg EDGAR PERRY, Louisburg WILLIAM PITTS, Spring Hope KATE POLIER, Raleigh

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HUNTER SANDERS. Goldsboro
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Rose Hill

Russell Sanderson, Beulaville Claude Sawyer, Camden Raymond Sawyer, Shawboro Marvin Singleton, Washington

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Doris Thompson, Raleigh

WILEY THOMPSON, Raleigh EDWIN UTLEY, Moncure WILLIAM VANN, Edison, Ga. HASSEL VESTER, Rocky Mount

GILBERT WATKINS, Rocky Mount JAMES WATSON, Bear Creek CHARLES WELLS, Wallace VANCE WELLS, Washington

RICHARD WEST, Tuckahoe, N. Y. R. F. Wheeless, Rocky Mount I. M. WHITAKER, Scotland Neck

C. L. WHITE, Norlina



MARIE WHITEHURST. South Mills

G. D. Wiggins, Louisburg

Russell Wilcock. Brooklyn, N. Y.

R. A. WILKERSON, Lumberton

DORMAN WILLIAMS, Graham

E. W. WILLIAMS, Elizabeth City

RAY WOMBLE, Lillington BARBARA WOOD, Norfolk, Va.

LELAND WOODLIEF. Youngsville Ann Young, Apex CAROLYN YOW, South Hill, Va.



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G. C. Brannan, Jr., Zebulon

P. R. BROUGHTON, Kenly

E. N. CREWS, JR., Oxford

BETTY EASON, Rocky Mount

F. E. FINCH, Louisburg

T. P. FISHER, Louisburg

R. G. Frady. Wendell

C. H. FREEMAN, Hallsboro

L. M. FREEMAN, Leland

J. W. GILLIS, Raleigh

G. E. GUPTON, Millbrook

E. H. HALE. Louisburg

B. C. HARPER, Bunn

P. W. HENSLEY, Louisburg

A. R. HOOKER, Roper

DARRELL LANCASTER, Louisburg

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S. S. Long, Jr., Pittsboro

E. L. Marshall, Jackschville

H. G. Massey, Zebulon

T. E. McPhail, Tomahawk

T. H. Morris, Jr., Greenville

A. D. PARROTT, Asheville

M. I. PATTON. Mebane

W. E. PHELPS, JR., Neuse

W. B. Robertson, Louisburg

J. C. Wynn, Jonesboro



A Typical Day at Louisburg



Alma Mater's 160th Birthday



ALMA MATER

Alma Mater, shelt'ring college. Thou hast been our guiding friend. From thy fount of flowing knowledge We would drink until the end. Be thy children's inspiration, Glowing light, to cheer and guide, Stand, Old College, Alma Mater, Through the changing years abide. Greater love and veneration
Be thy portion, Mother dear.
May each coming generation
Bring rich gifts thy heart to cheer.
Till thy stalwart columns heavenward
Cease to point the way of Life.
Stand, Old College, Alma Mater,
Through the changing years abide.

The acorn



AS INSIGNIFICANTLY as an acorn falling to the earth from its mother's arms, Louisburg College was conceived in 1787. In that year a charter was issued by the State of North Carolina under the name of Franklin Academy.

However, the soil for this institution proved to be unproductive; so it was necessary for a new acorn to be planted in 1802. In this latter year a second charter under the same name was issued. Ratified by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina on December 17, 1802, the new charter recognized that "educating youth is essential to the happiness and prosperity of the community."

Thus Franklin Academy was planted at last in fertile soil. Responsible for this attainment were the following citizens of Franklin County: John Hunt, Francis Taylor, Epps Moody, John Haywood, Joshua Perry, Archibald Davis, William Lancaster, Jeremiah Perry, Jr., Richard Fenner, George Tunstall, Green Hill, William Green, Alexander Falconer, William Williams, Jr., and Jeremiah Perry.

The Seedling



A CRACK in the soil soon was seen, indicating that the acorn planted had become a seedling. January 1, 1805, marks the date of this discovery, for then Franklin Academy actually began operation. Though the seedling could not compare in strength and stability with the larger oaks in the surroundings, it showed promise of a secure future. A passerby described the academy as "a pleasant building on the hill."

It was Mr. Matthew Dickerson, a graduate of Yale College, who became the seedling's caretaker. That Franklin Academy had as its head a person of character and learning is confirmed by the comment of one of its pupils: "You . . . informed me how essential a good education is . . . and gave me so many valuable precepts whereby I might attain the goal of Decency, and Decorum . . ."

Destined to mature into the greatness of a mighty oak, the seedling was now recognized. Not satisfied with the achievement of mere recognition by a passerby, the young academy was determined to brave any hardships of the future in order to fulfill its destiny.

The Sapling



FREQUENT exchanges of caretakers threatened to limit the growth of the seedling, but the blessings of Mother Nature and the tender care of the planters assisted in the fight for survival and growth.

In September 1813 the academy, by reason of the addition of the Female Department, was prepared to admit young ladies for instruction in such subjects as Reading, Writing, English Grammar, Arithmetic, Geography, Astronomy, Painting, and Music. During 1814 a building to house the Female Academy was erected on the site now occupied by Main Building. On August 23, 1815 twenty-four girls were enrolled. In 1851 the Female and Franklin academies began to function under separate administrations.

Now what was once a seedling had become a growing sapling, ever reaching upward to a greater goal.

The Young Oak



BY 1855 THE GROWING sapling gave evidence of becoming a young oak. The tree was rapidly growing new buds that were eventually to become young branches—branches that any oak would proudly acknowledge as its own.

Responding to the need for higher education for women, the leaders of the Female Academy organized "The Louisburg Female College" to begin the work of converting the academy into a college. Instruction was begun in the fall of 1857 under the direction of Mr. J. P. Nelson.

In 1891 the property of the college was purchased by Mr. Washington Duke of Durham, N. C., on the condition that "it should be used only for a white female school." Head of the institution at this time was Mr. S. D. Bagley. Upon the death of Mr. Duke in 1907, his son, Mr. Benjamin N. Duke, gave the college property in fee simple to the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

In the fall of 1909 a movement was launched to erect a building as a memorial to Mr. Matthew S. Davis, who had served as principal of Franklin Academy and as president of the college. In this same year the North Carolina Conference authorized its first appropriation (\$1,000) for the college.

The growing sapling now had developed the stature of a young oak.

The Mature Oak



THE YOUNG oak was rapidly maturing, enlarging its trunk and branches.

In 1914 the North Carolina Conference recommended that the college request the General Board of Education for classification as a junior college; and in 1915, under the presidency of Mrs. Ivey Allen, the institution was recognized with a junior-college rating.

By the fall of 1926 Mr. R. H. Wright of Durham, N. C., had contributed \$100,000 to the college in the form of the Pattie Julia Wright Memorial Loan Fund and Mr. Benjamin N. Duke had established an endowment fund of \$100,000. By reason of an additional gift of \$72,500 from Mr. Wright, the Pattie Julia Wright Dormitory had been erected. Franklin County Building, sponsored largely by citizens of Franklin County, was under construction; and the financial campaign for a continuing expansion of the college's physical plant was still underway. By the fall of 1927 student enrollment had increased to three hundred, and equipment and loan funds were valued at \$484,137.74. In its annual session of 1927 the North Carolina Conference gave authority to the trustees of the college "to issue \$125,000 in bonds for the purpose of funding the existing bonded indebtedness; to pay outstanding building obligations and complete the central heating system."

A mature oak now stood on the hill, claiming the attention of the passerby.

The Investenced Oak



THIS MATURE oak would not retain its tranquil beauty for long. Soon it would experience the loss of some of its branches, and later it would face the danger of being uprooted.

In December 1928 fire almost destroyed the Main Building. By late in 1929 two of the college's greatest individual benefactors, Mr. R. H. Wright and Mr. B. N. Duke, had died; and President A. W. Mohn, under whose administration the Franklin and Wright buildings had been erected, had resigned. Moreover, a staggering indebtedness in excess of \$150,000 faced the Reverend C. C. Alexander, the successor to Mr. Mohn. In 1930 the indebtedness had reached a total of more than \$200,000.

The fall of 1930 found the Reverends F. S. Love and A. D. Willcox at the session of the North Carolina Conference pleading to conference delegates who would close the college, to give it the chance to survive its perils. The chance was given.

Elected to the presidency of the college in 1931, Mr. Wilcox inaugurated drastic changes in the college policy, including the reduction of operating expenses to an amount within the college income, the admission of men students in 1931, the change of the college's name to "Louisburg College," and the laying of plans for the liquidation of the indebtedness.

In 1937 the Reverend D. E. Earnhardt succeeded Mr. Wilcox to the presidency. In the next two years he led the college steadily forward, reducing the total indebtedness substantially and increasing the number of students enrolled to an unprecedented high.

Under the leadership of Dr. Walter Patten, successor to Mr. Earnhardt in 1939, the remaining indebtedness would be retired within the next few years.

Although it had been seriously threatened, the oak had proved its ability to endure.

The Mighty Oak



HAVING endured the vicissitudes of the past, Louisburg College stands today as a mighty oak, more majestic than at any time in its long, colorful history. Now free of the burden of indebtedness, it confronts its greatest era of expansion and service.

Under the administration of Dr. Walter Patten and the present Board of Trustees, the college is marching toward higher spiritual and academic standards. Realizing that these standards require a strengthened faculty and more adequate material resources, Dr. Patten and the trustees are largely engaged at present in increasing the funds for endowment and scholarships, and in the expansion of the physical plant.

Currently underway is a campaign among Methodists of North Carolina for funds with which to undergird Methodist institutions of higher learning within the state. From the total funds to be raised, Louisburg College will receive a minimum of \$350,000. This amount will make possible a substantial increase in the college endowment, the complete renovation of the existing plant, and the construction of long-needed additional facilities.

Standing as a monument to the heroic leadership of the Wilcox, Earnhardt, and Patten administrations, the Louisburg College of today promises, through the use of enlarged resources in the immediate future, to serve more effectively the cause of Christian education among youth of the atomic age. Having witnessed the tragedies of the Civil War, World War I, and World War II, it is determined to make its proper contribution to the cause of "One World."

Like a mighty oak, "Stand, Old College, Alma Mater, Through the changing years abide."

STUDENT ACTIVITIES



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GOVERNMENT...







TALMADGE BLALOCK CARLTON BLACKMAN President Student Body



President Men's Council



IN ORDER to create and maintain good will on our campus, a group is needed to act in behalf of the student body in student-faculty affairs. It is the purpose of the Men and Women Student Councils to act as this agency. The foremost aim of this organization is to work for the general good and happiness of the students through making the right ways of living easy and the wrong ways difficult. The Men and Women Student Councils are the students' government; council members are chosen by the student body.

RELIGION . . .

STUDENT CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION



FRANCES DAVIS, President

THE STUDENT CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION seeks, by means of devotion, service, and fellowship, to promote religious life on the campus. This organization was formed by the uniting of the Y.M.C.A. and the Y.W.C.A. in an effort to strengthen the religious activity of both men and women students. This group is a vigorous influence in the development of the Christian character of students.

METHODIST STUDENT MOVEMENT



O. C. MELTON, President

THE METHODIST STUDENT MOVEMENT is an out-growth of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. The purpose of this organization is to offer to the student body a means of directed devotion and wholesome social fellowship, and to provide a club to which all students may belong. This group is a division under the leadership of the Youth Division of the Methodist Church.

SCHOLARSHIP...

ALPHA PI EPSILON



MARGIE PEELE, President: Jean Bright, Secretary; Rachel Haithcock, Treasurer THE NATIONAL honorary secretarial fraternity on our campus is Alpha Pi Epsilon. In order to enter Alpha Pi Epsilon, a student must have an average grade of "B" and must stand in the upper rank of his class. It is necessary for this qualification to be met with two added specifications—a student must be enrolled in the Commercial Department, and he must be elected unanimously by the members in order to become a fully-pledged member.



BETA PHI GAMMA



RICHARD BYRD, President

FOLLOWING a deeply-felt need for a journalistic fraternity on the campus of Louisburg College, Beta Phi Gamma, junior college division of Alpha Phi Gamma, was established. The purpose of Beta Phi Gamma is to recognize individual ability and achievement in journalistic efforts, and to serve and promote college welfare through journalism.

Members are tapped into this organization. In order to be eligible for membership, a student must be in the upper two-thirds of his class in scholastic achievements; and he must have served as an active and acceptable member on the staff of a college publication for at least one semester.



DELTA PSI OMEGA



RACHEL LEE HAITHCOCK, President

THE DELTA PSI OMEGA group is the junior college division of Alpha Psi Omega—a national dramatic fraternity. To become a member of this fraternity, a student must have participated in one or more public dramatic performances and maintained a scholastic average of "C" or above.

This is the newest fraternity on the campus.



PHI THETA KAPPA



BILLIE MEGGS, President

THE GAMMA UPSILON CHAPTER of Phi Theta Kappa was organized at Louisburg College in 1939. This organization is a national character-scholarship fraternity.

Membership is open to those students enrolled in the study of the Liberal Arts who have a scholastic standing in the upper ten per cent of their class, make an average grade of "B" or above, and give promise of good citizenship.

The motto of the chapter is Scholarship, Character, and Good Fellowship.



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GIRLS who have made two or more varsities are qualified to become members of the Athletic Association. This organization, headed by Miss Marjorie Crisp's leadership, tries to promote and maintain enthusiasm, sportsmanship, clean sports, and ideals of happy living.



THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLUB

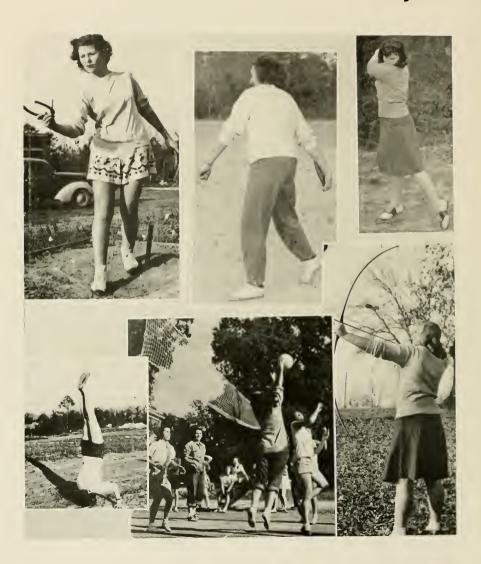
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The Physical Education Club is for students who are training for physical education teachers as well as students who are interested in athletics and sports. The purpose of the club is to promote discussion and study in the field of sports.

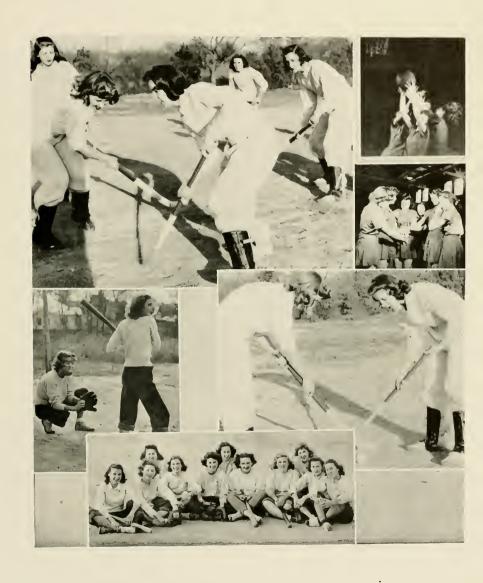
TENNIS



Sports



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BOYS' MONOGRAM CLUB

Douglas Bryant, President

THE BOYS' MONOGRAM CLUB is an honorary athletic association. Its aim is to promote better and cleaner sports. Membership is reserved for boys who show outstanding ability in sports, maintain a satisfactory scholastic average, have a good character, and practice clean sportsmanship.





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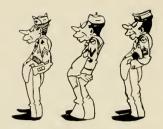






VETERANS

THE WILLIAM M. McFADDEN Memorial Club is an organization on the campus to develop greater understanding between ex-servicemen and other



members of the student body. Membership in this club is open to all honorably discharged veterans of World War II. A primary function of the club is to sponsor social entertainment for both the student body and the faculty. Bearing the name of one of Louisburg's former students lost in the armed services, the club is serving campus life in a constructive manner; thus it is an appropriate memorial.

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Any student interested in dramatic art is eligible for membership.

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RICHARD COLE, Business Manager

THE GLEE CLUB is made up of students possessing vocal talent. Regular rehearsals are held. At intervals during the year concerts are given.

At the annual session of the North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Church in November 1946 the club gave a concert.



COMMERCIAL CLUB

LINWOOD SHERLOCK, President

THE COMMERCIAL CLUB exists for the purpose of promoting the social and educational welfare of commercial students.

Membership is open to any student regularly enrolled in the Commercial Department.

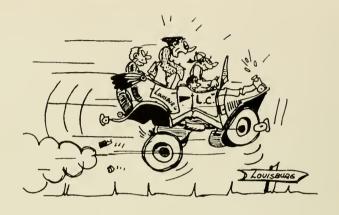


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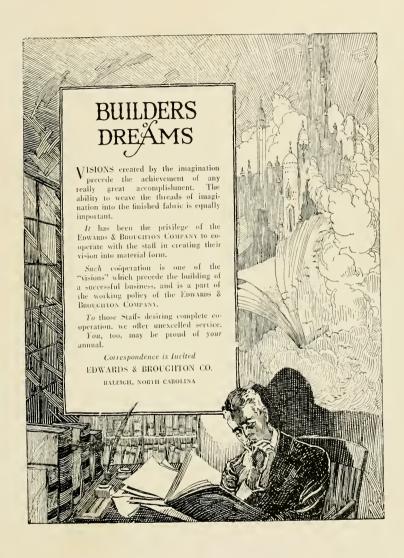
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