

ORGANIZATION NEWS Alumni Doings

LIBRARY STAFF.

One does not hear very much about the library staff meetings, but they do happen and are quite interesting. Every second and fourth Wednesday night at eight-thirty in the staff room of the library, the workers in the library gather around to get pointers on how to improve in our library work. We devise means of serving the students quicker and better. In addition we review different types of books. This season we are planning to review current non-fiction. Members of the staff review for us or teachers, students and friends who have read the books review them. This year in connection with the war we are doing our bit by inviting service men to review books with us ad for us.

SOCIOLOGY CLUB.

The Sociology club has been provided with many outlets during the war to show how efficient and useful it can be. This catastrophe has opened opportunities for some of the Sociology Club members to give Volunteer Service for the Traveler's Aid Society. Every evening at the train station between five-thirty and seven-thirty one can see at least two members of the club working there, being as helpful as they can. Also from eleven to one in the day, members are on duty.

At the hospital our club members have volunteered their services. They carry trays, hem sheets, wash pitchers, and keep desk, thus working whole-heartedly in the war effort.

The club has on its calendar a plan for sponsoring a talent program. This program is to be a combination of talents from B. T. C. No. 10 and that which is found on Bennett College campus. Whenever this feature takes place we would like the one hundred per cent cooperation of the college family.

Y. W. C. A.

On the 14th of November the Y. W. C. A. was given charge of the two most important general meetings on the campus, Sunday School and Vespers.

The recognition Service of Y. W. C. A. was held at the regular vesper time. Mr. Maynard Catchings, Y. M. C. A. Secretary of Atlanta, Georgia was the principal speaker for the occasion, and delivered a very timely an inspiring address. Representatives from A. and T. College and Woman's College who were on the program were Misses Lois Howard and Barbara Ann Smith, respectively.

The Sunday School program was presided over by Miss Irene Powell, Chairman of the Worship committee. The program was a candlelight prayer service. Other participants were: Shirley Franklin, Gwendolyn Johnson, Ethel Johnson, and Mattie Mae Faucette, pianist.

Y. W. C. A. CONTRIBUTIONS.

True to its annual Thanksgiving effort, the Y. W. C. A. visited the County Home on the 26th of November and carried Thanksgiving gifts to the occupants of the home.

A large representative number of the college girls took the hike to the County Home. The singing was lead by Miss Berthenia Stephens, chairman of the Y. W. C. A. music committee. The gifts were distributed by Misses Vera Wooden and Frances Walcott, chairman of the program and social committee respectively and by the president of the Y. W. C. A. Miss Marian Peyton.

Those faculty members accompanying the group were: Mrs. Wallace, Misses Stanfield, McKinney, McDowell, Y. W. C. A. advisor, and Mr. Morisey.

ORCHESTRA.

Hello folks—Here I am again with some real Orchestra news.

On Saturday December 4, 1943 the Bennett College Little Symphony Orchestra presented its annual December concert under the direction of Mr. F. N. Gatlin.

The program opened with American

Patrol followed by "Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring." Gwen Young played the solo in By Old Kentucky Home very artistically and Jerry Duffield played the solo to Beneath Thy Window. Both young ladies received much applause. Miss Marian Williams was the soloist for Berceuse—a very beautiful number taken from Jocelyn.

The audience seemed to have enjoyed our program so well and so much applause was received that the orchestra played True to our Flag as an encore.

After the concert the orchestra members had a reception in Annie Merner Hall which everyone enjoyed.

On Sunday December 12, 1943 the orchestra will give a concert at B. T. C. No. 10 for the soldiers. Need I say we will have a fine time? I don't think I need to. I only wish you could go with us. So velly sorry. See you again real soon.

THE BENNETT BANNER STAFF SPONSORS THE FIRST BIRTHDAY DINNER

Real oak leaves resplendent in all the natural colors of autumn actually floating about in the dining hall and not a tree in sight! ! This was the scene on Wednesday, November 17, when the Bennett Banner Staff honored the guest whose birthday fell in the months of August, September, October, November at the first Birthday Dinner of the year 1943-44.

The dinner was very colorful in more ways than one. The place cards were leaves with the guests names printed on in white ink. In the center of the table were two cornucopias overflowing with vegetables, fruits and a special treat—a Bennett Banner.

The program was climaxed with the introduction of Mr. George Randol of the cast of "Porgy and Bess", by Pres. Jones who in turn introduced others of the cast. Avon Long, who played "Sportin' Life" in the play and Leslie Gray were among the guest present.

Etta Moten, "Bess" of the production, was introduced by Mr. Sutherland of the faculty, who is an old friend. She gave a short talk which ended with a most inspiring poem—"Dreams."

The program was concluded by singing the ALMA MATER!

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

On December 21, 1943, the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church will meet here at Bennett College under the presidency of Bishop A. P. Shaw. The purpose of this meeting is to report on the endowment effort. The North Carolina district has set as its goal the raising of \$10,000. The district superintendents under whose leadership the campaign is being sponsored, are:

Dr. R. W. Winchester—Greensboro district.

Dr. R. B. McRae—Laurinburg district.

Dr. G. E. Hogue—Western district.

Dr. R. F. McCallum—Winston district.

To date \$7,345.11 has been raised by the Conference for the endowment fund.

EXCHANGE EDITOR. DARK AMERICA SINGS.

Bruised, battered and torn
A thousand times I've barred my back
To feel the sting of cruel lash
But, yet, thank God, I sing.

I sing
Though oppression chokes my very soul
And shows me but the night,
Through it I see the sun's bright rays
And to the world, I cry,
I sing.

I sing,
And singing, I will pass
The howling mob that blocks my way.
For in my heart is an eternal song,
America, I'll always sing.

MRS. ROSE LEARY LOVE,
N. C. Teachers Record.

Among those welcomed on the old home grounds during the holiday were: Miss Laura Allston who is putting her best foot forward in the Home Economics Department of West Charlotte High School. Miss Allston and her sister Mrs. Clarence Hues of Darlington, South Carolina were guests of Mrs. T. C. Taylor and Miss Carolyn Robertson. Laura was dressed in a stunning olive green coat trimmed with fur, worn with brown accessories.

Miss Helen McLure was up from Charlotte where she is teaching in Plato Price School. She, like we Bennettes had to return to her classes Friday morning. Helen's prosperity was evident in a new fur trimmed cloth coat which she sported.

Miss Nora Bell Callicutt graced the campus for a few minutes en route to the football game. She teaches the dears of grade one Kannapolis, N. C.

Miss Laurie Johnson was glimpsed amidst the crowd after the wedding that night.

Welcomed home was Miss Frances Fonville who is now studying at Howard University. She brought greetings from the Bennett girls stationed around and in D. C.

Beatrice Moore couldn't resist returning to the old feeding grounds. "No place like home," she says. And listen—she has gained exactly twenty-three ounces.

Miss Holloway, the Johnetta one—always a welcomed sight to dancing eyes was present also in a "mighty fur trimmed coat! There's Gold in Dem Dar Hills—eh girls! !

Miss Alease Nevitt and Mary Whitfield were seen on the campus looking over old scenes. They declared they had to come back to see how things were.

There was one of the family to return who always catches the dancing eyes and full arms of welcome—Mrs. Evelyn Sherrill Grigsby. She's as sweet and lovely as ever.

Misses Gwen Hogans and "Tommy" Kirkland dashed by only long enough to spread their "hello" over the campus. Oh! they did leave a special one for the "Flickies."

Miss Sarah Harris strolled in with a jodie—well sisters—what do you think about that?

Not on the campus but seen around and about were Misses "Jenny" Holder who still maintained her calm expression; Minnie Miller who is performing splendid work in the Colored High School, Madison, North Car., and Miss Ruth Galloway who is performing wonders with the younger generation out at Washington Street school here in the city.

MARRIED: Johnnye Bynun '35 to Mr. Oswald Harris; in Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel, November 25.

Ella Mae Reeves '38 to Mr. Ellsworth Smith; at the President's Home, December 12.

ENGAGED: Estelle Ward '41 to Pfc. Gerald Hart.

Campus Attitudes

THINGS WE DO NOT APPRECIATE:

In many cases hospitality has been shown to soldiers on our campus by such things as the reading room and activities given by Special Activities Committee. But, we do not appreciate the impression given our friends at B. T. C. No. 10 that our campus is "OUT-OF-BOUNDS" to them at all other times.

The attitude of the Bookstore clerks when they make errors in change. None of us are perfect so why be stubborn!

THINGS WE DO APPRECIATE:

The Thursday music hour. Our hats are off to the music department. Your programs are entertaining while remaining on a high standard.

The remodeling of the bookstore and the City Student's Rest Room. They both are very picturesque and we sincerely appreciate them.

Thanksgiving In Retrospect

The Thanksgiving holidays began Wednesday evening with a special vesper program at which the Freshman Theatre Guild presented a play entitled THE THREE THANKSGIVINGS. This play depicted the beginning of Thanksgiving, showed the attitude which has grown up toward Thanksgiving today—That of eating—and expressed a hope that in the future we will return to the original idea which characterized its beginning.

Thanksgiving Day began with the annual "Y" pre-breakfast hike out to the County Home where various songs were sung and gifts were presented to the old folk and prison girls. Breakfast was served at 10 o'clock in the Wilbur F. Steele dining hall. Carol Carter, superintendent of the Sunday School, presided. Oriel Banks read a Thanksgiving story, and Thora Kelly rendered the music. Pres. Jones gave the prayer and introduced the guests who were present.

The majority of the Bennettes attended the exciting A. and T.-Johnson C. Smith game in the afternoon after which we all enjoyed a most delicious Thanksgiving Dinner.

November 24, 26, 27 really lived up to our anticipations and expectations—the Annual Thanksgiving Dances sponsored by the Student Senate. Because of our enlarged student body we had to have three separate dances. And thanks to the soldiers of B. T. C. No. 10 and A. and T. we had no man shortage. But, I won't tell you anymore. Let us hear first hand accounts of these dances.

THE FRESHMAN DANCE.

The Freshman dance given on the 24th of November was one of the outstanding events of the year for the hundred and five girls in the Freshman class.

The Student Senate Cabinet, Dean Brett, President and Mrs. Jones, Miss Player, and Mrs. Gates were indeed wonderful host and hostesses.

The music was just another one of those things—good. Rosita is still one of the belles of all the dances, "You'll Never Know" just how "My Buddy", "At Last", "Baby Don't You Cry," and "The Waltz You Saved For Me" rippled forth from the instruments of Mr. Westerband's orchestra. Everyone danced until the clock struck twelve and each cinderella changed to the little college girl once more.

SOPHOMORE DANCE.

There is a saying that the best part of an activity is the end, and so it was with the Thanksgiving dances. The sophomores, of course, brought this delightful Thanksgiving season to a close on Saturday night when the belles of the campus, dressed in their finery, attended the annual Thanksgiving gift from the Student Senate, the Thanksgiving dance.

I am not sure about the other things for which most of us are thankful, but from a peer to the right, a glance to the left, and a glimpse straight ahead, there were some obvious reasons for Thanksgiving. There were the picturesque decorations over ceiling and windows and the paintings of the first Thanksgiving. But those were the inanimate attractions. Let me tell you about the animate ones.

Well there was Carolyn Steele, the belle of every ball and the jitterest of jitterbugs, who left her heart in Asheville, but willingly enough contributed her share to morale building by causing many a second glance. Her dress was peach with a lace bodice and taffeta skirt.

Then, there was Brooksie Goins, who arrived in the pale lavender with the light of her life (at the moment), Phillip Green.

Now everybody can't have a Howard graduate, but Ruth isn't just everybody, she's just the girl with a Howard friend, Jackson Houston. Ruth went sophisticated on us in a gown of black velvet and cream taffeta. No-

vella Harris wore a very pretty gown with a red velvet bodice and white taffeta skirt, and of course one shouldn't peep, but did I see red slippers beneath your train Novella? Dorothy Hinnant advanced the fashion parade by wearing black velvet and white brocade.

As usual there were corsages and corsages. I saw yellow roses, red roses, white and red roses together, carnations, sweet-peas, and gardenias. One corsage of gardenias attracted my attention especially. It consisted of two large gardenias tied with green and white ribbon, maybe I was just partial because that one was mine.

You should have been there because with just two eyes, I couldn't possibly see everything, and like Paul L. Dunbar's character in the "Party", I must say "who was dere? Now who's you askin'?" and I hope that you will understand.

And now, I'll close my book of memoirs and leave you to dream the rest.

JUNIOR-SENIOR DANCE.

When one thinks of Thanksgiving, turkey, hot rolls with butter, creamed potatoes or candied yams, corn, fruit, and all the goodies which usually adorn the table at this season, come into one's mind. But at Bennett, the one other thing which comes into our minds is the Annual Thanksgiving Party. The Juniors and Seniors take their hats off to the student senate for the lovely affair. I've never seen anything like it. Soft lights, beautiful decorations, charming young ladies, handsome beaux and gorgeous corsages. That was some sight!

Gliding to the music of Max Westerband and his orchestra could be seen such gorgeous creatures as Dot Fort and Mary Taylor in those lovely net dresses. Their young men were enjoying it too, weren't they young ladies? Other distinctive couples on the floor were: Olivia Wright lovely in pink marquisette escorted by Frederick Tanner of the marine corp; Mary Ella Drake in black taffeta whose company was Paris Stanford of the U. S. Army who is stationed in Colorado; Louise Lewis in pink escorted by Carlton Williams; Olga Singleton in red and black taffeta accompanied by Jetho Hooper; Cynthia McCottry in pink taffeta whose company was Cpl. Brockman Schumaker; Marguerite Pope in brown and yellow net escorted by Cpl. Lloyd Bet; Mary McKinzie in maroon taffeta accompanied by Sgt. Jess Heyward; Pvt. Vincent Trimmingham escorted Mamie Harris who was dressed in gold trimmed baby blue; Dorethea Pulley in pink taffeta escorted by William Walker; Geneva Powell in blue taffeta accompanied by Lawrence Eustace; Audrey Reid in rose satin escorted by Pvt. Leo Bens of Red Bank, N. J.; Helen Horton in yellow marquisette accompanied by Harold Holly of Gary, W. Va.; Betty Wade in pink taffeta escorted by Warrant Officer Wanza Davis who is stationed in Illinois; Cleon Millner in pink net accompanied by Richard Johnson; Rosa Goodwin in red and white taffeta escorted by Pvt. Carl Waterman; Margaret Sasser in white and red taffeta escorted by Pvt. Ted Brown; Annabelle Knight in green net escorted by Princer Erwin of New Jersey; Mary Lou Hayes in black taffeta accompanied by Kay Dorsett; Delores Carnegie in white taffeta accompanied by Marcus Bethea; Wilhelmina Doyle in white net escorted by Charles James; Dorothy Devaughn in green taffeta escorted by Ray Simmons; Juanita Peel in black and pink taffeta escorted by Calvin Brown; Carolyn Booker in blue net escorted by Sgt. Robert Lowery; and Ruth Dowdel in pink and black net accompanied by Pvt. James Willie.

Among the faculty present were: Mr. and Mrs. Parnell, Miss Willa B. Player, Dr. F. A. Jackson, Mrs. C. D. Jones, Miss Doris McKinney, Miss Ruth Brett, Miss Nancy MacDowell, Miss Gladys Ford, and Dr. and Mrs. Ivan Taylor.