

**RECORD NUMBER OF GRADUATES RECEIVE COLLEGE EXPERIENCES**

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the traditional birthday dinner in Wilbur F. Steele Dining Hall; Mrs. McLaurin served as chairman of the dinner. Following a group picture at three, the alumnae gathered in Holgate Lounge for their annual association meeting, with Mrs. Gates, presiding. Reports were made by Miss Daphne Lawson, the executive secretary; Mrs. McLaurin, the treasurer; and Miss Peggy Toatley, Chairman of the Loyalty Fund. This fund is to be used as a scholarship source for high school graduates who desire to attend Bennett but are not financially able to meet all the school expenses. At present the alumnae have contributed \$631.00 toward the stipulated goal of \$1800.

The result in the election of officers for the following year were as follows: Mrs. Juanita Pope Morisey, president; Miss Daphne Lawson, vice-president; Miss Roberta Favors, recording secretary; Miss DuDonna Tate, corresponding secretary; Mrs. M. B. McLaurin, treasurer; Mrs. Dorothy Sizemore Smith, Chairman of the Constitution committee; Miss Peggy Toatley, Chairman of the Loyalty Fund; and Miss Edna Gray Taylor, Chairman of the Home-coming committee.

At 8 that night, the graduates renewed old friendships and reminisced a bit at an informal get-together in the gym.

The week-end of activities came to a close with the regular vesper service at 4 p. m. in Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel. The evident success of the event has inspired the group to schedule next year's home-coming for February and to meet again at commencement in May.

**The Bell Ringer of Bennett College**



ONE of the most striking symbols of Bennett College life is the great bell which tops a scaffold standing between the Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel and the dining hall. It is rung for meals and classes, twice for each, every day in term life by the Bennett bell ringer, who is a student chosen for her reliability. She must be a girl who needs no supervision—a girl who is so well organized within herself that her punctuality twenty-three times a day (come winter or rough weather!) is the proof of her character quality.

THE temperamental chapel clock high up in the tower may be fast or slow, as it often is. Not so our sophomore bell ringer. You can absolutely bank on her. When Virginia Dare Scales rings for 6:45 in the dark of a winter morning or 5:45 on a sunny afternoon, that's the time it is. You can set your watch by her first stroke for she has not only a master watch on her left wrist but a watchful mind, and eye, and strong right hand that synchronizes on the dot. I have wickedly tried once or twice to divert her attention at bell-ringing time but always as I watch her sensitive face I see the inner warning reflect itself in her withdrawing smile. "Please sir, will you excuse me? I have to ring the bell."

VIRGINIA earns part of her expenses at Bennett by ringing the bell. Strangely enough, it may seem to you, she has grown to love it; not only, we suspect, for what it does to her and in her, but more perhaps, for what it helps her do for all her friends, students and faculty alike, getting them up and out to meals and classes.

Slug a bed!  
Slug a bed!  
Rub your fuzzy head  
Hustle up to breakfast.  
That's what I said  
(That's what I said)  
Mister Professor  
You'd better hustle too.

You've got to meet your class I'm speaking to you.

(I'm speaking to you).

VIRGINIA Scales is "a very important person" as President David Jones often says about every one of us here. Virginia is especially so because she is symbolic—symbolic of Bennett's personal interest in every one of her students and of her reliance upon them—symbolic of student reliability too.

ONE day when Virginia was trying to scare up a term paper topic over in the library, hunting around among cold academic subjects, we got to thinking about her real experiences. We visited with her about her job and other things. Then it seemed suddenly to dawn on her that BELLS would make just the right subject for her term paper.

NOW that she has eagerly run down every clue she can find anywhere, the result is a highly creditable product under the caption:

**Bells And Their Spiritual Significance**

- I. How bells are made:
  - a. materials
  - b. forms and sizes
  - c. chimes and carillons
- II. Various uses of bells
- III. Famous bells
- IV. Famous bell ringers and famous ringings
- V. The spiritual significance of bells revealed in poems, quotations and songs about bells.
- VI. What bells mean to me

WHEN President Jones read her paper, he exclaimed, "Why, this illustrates exactly what we mean at Bennett by individualizing education in relation to life experiences and personal interests."

ANNA CAMP  
RICHARD HENRY EDWARDS.

One day last summer my friend was approached by a chatty bore. "Well Catherine," she said, "What's going on?" "I am," said Catherine, and did.

**STUDENTS TOUR 13 SOUTHERN COLLEGES**

By HENRIETTA SCALES

An eight day tour of thirteen southern colleges was the highly educative experience enjoyed by Misses Eleanor Barnwell, freshman; Jocelyn Blanchet, sophomore; Joyce Adley, junior; and Henrietta Scales, senior. These young ladies elected by the Student Senate Cabinet, represented the four classes and were accompanied by Mrs. Grace C. Gates, chairman of campus services and A. A. Morisey, director of publicity.

Four phases of campus life were studied, namely: student government, co-curricular activities, post-war programs and student regulations. The studies were thorough and the findings numerous, which findings differed widely from those existing here at Bennett.

Acquiring new ideas which could be incorporated into our program to improve the life in our college community constituted the purpose of the tour. Colleges visited included Benedict College, Allen University, Claflin College, South Carolina State College, Paine College, Clark College, Spelman College, Morehouse College, Atlanta University, Morris Brown College, Gammon Theological Seminary, Agnes Scott College, and Johnson C. Smith University.

**CLARICE KEY, RED CROSS STAFF ASSISTANT**

Clarice M. Key, daughter of Mrs. Mary E. Key, Baltimore, Maryland, and a graduate of the class of '42 is now serving in the Pacific Ocean Area as an American Red Cross staff assistant. News of Clarice's Red Cross appointment was recently received through a report from the Red Cross National Headquarters in Washington, D. C.

One of the 270 Negroes serving overseas with the Red Cross, Clarice was formerly a unit leader at the Girl Scouts Summer Center, New York City and a group worker at the Harlem Boys Club, also in New York.

**Bells And Their Spiritual Significance**

A girl turned up a work wearing two officer's silver bars pinned to her sweater. One of her office mates asked, "Is your boy friend a captain?" "Goodness no," she said. "Two lieutenants."

**JOHNSON WRITES FOR CAMPUS LIFE**

The current issue of Campus Life, which came off the presses February 28, carried an article by Miss Constance Johnson, instructor in speech and dramatics here at Bennett.

In her article, "From College to the Theatre" in which she tells of the plight of young Negro dramatic aspirants into the American theatre, Miss Johnson writes, "The usual Broadway role that the Negro has been invited to play is that of the zoot suiter, whose mother sings only haunting spirituals and whose father is called 'Hey, boy' or 'George' on pull-man cars. However, since the hot evening in June, 1944, when the American Negro Theatre invited a few well-known and interested patrons of the theatre to the basement of the 135th Street Public Library in New York City, to see its production of "Anna Lucasta", a very great change seems to have taken place in the theatre."

**THREE STUDENTS MERIT BROTHERHOOD AWARDS**

In recognition of American Brotherhood Week which was observed throughout the country, February 18-23, three students were awarded certificates for their efforts to create better race relations. These students were Misses: Lucille Brown, junior, Scranton, Pa.; Blanche Graves, senior, Portland, Oregon; and Theophras Harris, sophomore, Wilkesboro, N. C. The awards, bearing the signature of former governor, Harold Stassen and President Harry Truman, were presented in a formal chapel service by Rev. R. D. Crockett, director of religious activities at the college.

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