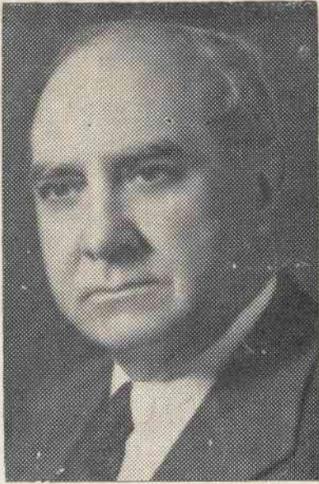


CAMPUS OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 1953-54 SCHOOL YEAR



School Named For Bennett President

A new 12-room elementary school will be named the David D. Jones School in honor of Dr. Jones, President of Bennett College, the Greensboro school trustees have announced.

Construction on the school will start about July and it will cost about \$350,000.

The new building will replace the present Jacksonville School which has been condemned. It is located in the Warnersville area, the community where Dr. Jones was born.

The school came into the local system in 1890 when the districts were enlarged. It was the second Negro school in the city. Its principal is Mrs. Gladys Woods.

Dr. Jones has been president of Bennett College since its reorganization as a woman's college in 1926. A brother, Bishop Robert E. Jones, now retired, was the first Negro bishop of the Methodist Church.

Dr. Jones is a past president of the National Association of Schools and Colleges of the Methodist Church and was honored by that organization at a special banquet in Washington at the end of his 25th anniversary as president of Bennett.

He is a member of the Board of Education of the Methodist Church and of the National Council of Churches of Christ.

He was formerly secretary of the International Committee of the YMCA; executive secretary of the Pine Street Branch YMCA, St. Louis; and general field agent of the Southern Interracial Commission. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Alpha Phi Alpha fraternities.

He is a graduate of Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn.

He is one of two Negroes who wrote a statement of personal philosophy included in *This I Believe*, edited by Edward R. Murrow.

Mrs. Jones are the parents of four children.

Music Educator Visits Bennett

Mrs. Harriett Case Merner, vice-president of the Cosmopolitan School of Music, Chicago, spent a week on the campus recently, where she lectured and visited classes in the college music department.

Mrs. Merner is the widow of the late Will Merner, a brother of the late Mrs. Henry Pfeiffer, Bennett's most generous benefactor.

Bennett Vice-President Gets Honorary Degree

Dr. Willa B. Player, vice-president of Bennett College, was given an honorary degree, Doctor of Laws, by Ohio Wesleyan University, May 9.

Dr. Arthur Fleming, president of the University, conferred the degree on the occasion of the celebration of the University Centennial.

Dr. Player graduated from the University in 1929, received an M. A. degree from Oberlin College and a Doctor of Education degree from Columbia University. She has studied at the University of Wisconsin and the University of Grenoble in France.

She was promoted to vice-president of Bennett College last October after having been teacher, registrar, director of admissions, and coordinator of instruction.

Last fall she turned down an offer to become president of Spelman College, Atlanta. Previously she had declined offers to take an administrative post at another large Negro institution.

Last month the Bennett trustees granted her a leave of absence to accept a fellowship from the Fund for the Advancement of Education. She will study and observe nine colleges next year.

In July she will direct a workshop on education in missions for the Methodist Pennsylvania Conference School of Missions in the Pocono Mountains. Later in the month she will head a workshop on "The Improvement and Evaluation of Instruction," for the Department of Higher Education of the Methodist Church at Nashville, Tenn.

On May 10, she delivered a Woman's Day address at Knoxville, Tenn. She will make commencement addresses at Allen High School, Asheville, N. C.; Nashville, N. C.; Graham, N. C.; and Mather Academy, Camden, S. C.

Dr. Player was appointed recently to the State Advisory Committee on Education by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. She is a member of the Visiting Committee evaluating Negro colleges for the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges.

She is a native of Akron, Ohio, and is the daughter of Mrs. B. D. Player and the late C. C. Player.

FAITH

A brighter day is coming when you will be free
From the bonds and chains that encaseth thee.
No one will say, "Please go to the rear."
You will speak your mind without having fear.
You will be able to go to the church of your choice
And walk down the aisles with dignity and poise.
It will be heaven to live in a place
Where no one will say, "You're from a minority race."
So kepe your faith, my brother, my friend,
Your patience will bring you to a greater end.
But don't expect a change in a day,
For labor and sacrifice will bring you good pay.
Always remember that God is your light
He'll always protect you when you're in the right.
—L. ELIZABETH SAUNDERS, '53.

Bennett Teacher And Student Get Honors

A Bennett College teacher and a member of the senior class received high scholastic honors recently which enable them to do further study.

Frenise A. Logan, instructor in history, has been granted a Ford Foundation Fellowship to study next year at the University of Calcutta, Calcutta, India.

Miss Rebecca Turner, a senior from New Orleans, received a Methodist Church Crusade for Christ Scholarship for graduate study in music at Northwestern University. She is the third student to receive one of the awards in consecutive years.

Mr. Logan, a native of Cleveland, Ohio will study the history, social, political, and economic conditions of India.

He is a graduate of Fisk University where he was president of the student governing body one year. He received a master's degree from Western Reserve University. He has contributed articles and poems to Phylon, the Negro History Bulletin, the National Association of Social Science Teachers Quarterly, Crisis and Opportunity magazines.

He is a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and Sigma Upsilon Pi honor society at Fisk University.

Miss Turner, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elvy A. Turner, New Orleans, was an exchange student last year at Heidelberg College, Triffin, Ohio.

She was salutatorian of her graduating class at McDonough High School No. 35. She is treasurer of the senior choir and has been secretary of the organization and president of the Freshman Choir. Other offices she has held include Chairman of the Mid-week Vesper Committee and Chairman of the Student Union Cultural Committee. She is one of the ten highest ranking students in the senior class.

Bennett College Commencement Events 1953

FRIDAY, MAY TWENTY-NINTH

- 3:00 P.M. Class Day Exercises
- 7:00 P.M. Little Theatre Guild Production Mid Summer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare

SATURDAY, MAY THIRTIETH

- 10:00 A.M. Meeting of the Graduate Association
- 1:00 P.M. All-Bennett Luncheon
- 8:00 P.M. Annual Choir Concert
- 9:30 P.M. Campus Illumination

SUNDAY, MAY THIRTY-FIRST

- 10:00 A.M. Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society Union Faculty Lounge
- 4:00 P.M. Baccalaureate Address Rev. James S. Thomas, General Board of Education of the Methodist Church, Nashville, Tennessee
- 8:00 P.M. President's Reception Student Union Building

MONDAY, JUNE FIRST

- 10:30 A.M. Commencement Address Dr. Florence M. Reed, Spelman College, Atlanta, Georgia



Editors Urged To Aid Negro Job Prospects

Opportunity for the betterment of the Negro race in North Carolina was asked editors of the state at the annual North Carolina Editorial Writers Conference, May 17.

Harry L. Golden, Charlotte, editor of The Carolina Israelite, addressing a dinner session of the conference at the Carolina Inn, said "the conscience of the editorial page of North Carolina demands that the editors fulfill their responsibility to the taxpayer."

"The citizens of our state year after year, with loyalty and generosity, pay out thousands upon thousands of tax dollars to educate the children of our state," editor Golden said.

"Out of every ten North Carolina-educated Negro engineers, only two have remained in the state — the other eight may never even buy a Coca-Cola in North Carolina. And of the two who remain, one usually becomes a waiter or a pullman porter, while the last one will probably take a civil service examination to qualify as a government employee or become a teacher."

The export of Negro ability, Golden said, is "the most costly result of the failure to integrate Negroes into the predominantly white work groups of North Carolina."

At the luncheon session, Alan Barth of the editorial staff of the Washington Post told the editors that the U. S. is in danger of having a totalitarian form of government if a check is not placed on the growing tendency of Congress to usurp powers reserved in the Constitution for the executive and judicial departments.

"The national legislature is being used to browbeat and blackmail and force executive policies and has assumed the power to hire and fire are authority which it does not have," Barth said.

The editorial pages in general in recent years have failed to exercise their most vital obligation to serve as a check upon this growing invasion of executive and judicial functions by the legislative branch of the government, he said.

Horace Carter, editor of the Tabor City Tribune, and Willard G. Cole, editor of the Whiteville News Reporter, recent recipients of Pulitzer awards for their successful anti-Ku Klux Klan crusade, were given a standing ovation.

Campus Election 1953-54

The campus was buzzing on May 1st with talk of the coming election. You were among that group of girls seated on the chapel steps, or the ones down at the flag pole. No matter where you might have been on Friday morning, the main topic for discussion was the campus wide election. While standing around in the union during the election. While standing around in the union during the election, I overheard such conversations as these, "The union is for us, the success of the union next year depends on us as followers of a good leader, vote wisely my friends." "Hats off to 'Doty' Dixon for the wonderful job she has done in building up the attendance of the Sunday School, that is the type of Sunday School we want on our campus, vote for the girl you think can do the job." "Patience, time, and new ideas, these things characterize our mid-week vespers chairman who shall I vote for."

These and many similar conversations were overheard in the union, and by one o'clock on Friday, over half of the campus had gone to the polls, casting their votes for the girls they thought best suited for the job.

The entire campus remained in suspense for two days, and on Sunday, the returns of the election were given, and it was revealed that the following girls would take the spotlight for the year 1953-54:

Student Senate

- Charlotte Alston President
- Gwendolyn Freeman Secretary
- Peggy Jeffries Treasurer
- Barbara Hodges Parliamentarian

Student Union

- Mary Ann Rogers President
- Barbara Crutchfield Vice-President
- Eugenia Duncan Secretary
- Joye Stanley Representative to Board of Directors

Bennett Banner

- Annetta Patton Editor-In-Chief
- Grace Ellison Associate Editor
- Shirley Thomas Secretary

Sunday School

- Barbara Patterson Superintendent
- Marian Samuels Representative to Central Committee

Mid-Week Vespers Committee

- Carmen Cora Chairman
- Marian Bass Secretary

Congratulations girls, and much luck to you in the coming school year. The load will seem heavy sometimes, but count on our full cooperation and we can look forward to another successful school year.

—Renwick