

COLLEGE HAS MAY DAY FESTIVAL

Under the direction of Miss E. M. Gamble, instructor in physical education and dance, the College held its annual May Day Festival. Its splendor must surely have signified the effect of those that are to follow.

The Festival opened with the march of the Queen of May, Dora Skeeter, to her throne. Beautifully attired in a gown of white taffeta, she was preceded by her attendants who were also in lovely gowns and who carried arm bouquets. Coach J. H. Williams placed the crown on the head of the Queen.

Girls of the Freshman Class then performed several gymnastic exercises, with unusual precision and accuracy. Smaller groups built pyramids. Members of the class in Modern Dance gave an interpretation of the beautiful "Summertime" which was played and sung by Mrs. Jean J. Butler. A group of Freshmen then appeared in colorful evening gowns to engage in that most spectacular of all May Day events, the "Dance Around the May Pole."

As the festivities ended, the Queen and her ladies proceeded slowly to their court, while the faces of a large and appreciative audience beamed with joy.

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and see other improvements which are being made.

We plan to have several additions to our faculty and staff. Dean Jones is still at the University of Chicago, but is expected to return to his duties in September.

Rooms

In order that room accommodations may be assured, each student is expected to send in at once, \$5.00 for room reservations. If you have a preference for a room and room-mates, you should indicate this in your letter.

Health

You will receive a health blank which you and your family physician are requested to fill out and submit to the health authorities of the college when you enter. This is merely a part of the improved health facilities which the college plans to offer you when the fall term opens.

In the meanwhile, we hope that you are enjoying your summer vacation and will return to the college with a renewed determination to make the most of all opportunities offered in the college for the year 1949-50.

Library News

Among the books recently added to the collection of the Elizabeth City State Teachers College are several interesting novels and short stories of current interest.

"Tales of My People" is a volume of short stories. Here by the distinguished author of the "Apostle" and the "Nazarene" are eleven stories, only two of which have appeared in English. The first is a short novel, "Little Town", which first established Scholem Ash's reputation in Europe. Some of the newer stories deal with life in America, bridging the old world and the new. It is a rich and varied collection that will take its place beside the classic works of Scholem Ash.

Thomas B. Costain has again created in "High Towers" a story using the technique of centering his tale around an outstanding figure neglected in the historical records as he did in the "Black Rose" and "The Moneyman". "High Towers" is a magnificent historical romance chronicling the adventures of the fabulous Le Moyne family of Montreal, who became the heroes of French Canada and founded the storied city of New Orleans.

It has been said that only the man who wrote "The Robe" could write "The Big Fisherman," begun in 1943 and completed in the summer of 1948, is the eleventh of the Lloyd C. Douglas novels. This is the story of Simon Peter, that more loveable and human of the Apostles of Jesus. You meet him first at the Sea of Galilee, a powerful, two-fisted, profane, and irreverent fishing boss, who lays down his nets to follow Jesus to Calvary. "The Big Fisherman" is a big book. It accounts for the five-thousand year old feud between the Arabians and the Jews. It is a daring book, for in it Jesus is Himself a central character. No other character could have illuminated the Passion Story. Only the man who wrote "The Robe" could have written "The Big Fisherman."

Alfred Hayes' first novel, "All Thy Conquests" was hailed by reviewers and readers as one of the genuinely fine books to come out of the war. In "The Girl on the Via Flaminia", his new novel, Mr. Hayes brings to life the human drama of war's aftermath, beyond the winning and losing—the intimate story of a man and a woman drawn together first by need and then by passion.

Paul I. Wellman has written a

pieces of the Brooklyn Chapter of the State Teachers College Alumni. There were assembled a large number of friends and graduates of the College, not only from Brooklyn, but also from New York City. They were very proud of the progress being made by the school as was evidenced in the type of program rendered.

After a day in New York, the Choir came back to New Jersey to its last concert at the A.M.E. Church on West Bergen Place in Red Bank. Here they met the pastor, Rev. R. A. Council and his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Costen Council, both graduates of the College, who very heartily received the students and staff. Their appreciative audience was also pleasing to the Choir. Immediately after the program of the evening the singers set out for Elizabeth City.

The trip North was initiated by the Brooklyn Chapter of the General Alumni Association. Mrs. Mayola Murrell, president of the Brooklyn Chapter, is also vice-president of the General Alumni Association and one of the most loyal, energetic workers of the Alumni.

Primer Lesson

Look out how you use proud words.

When you let proud words go, it is not easy to call them back.

They wear long boots, hard boots; they walk off proud; they can't hear you calling—

Look out how you use proud words.

Carl Sanburg

sequel to "The Walls of Jericho" in "The Chain", a powerful, beautiful novel of a man of God—John Carlisle, a clergyman in Jericho, Kansas. Carlisle has that indomitable faith through which he inspires the regeneration of a decadent community and achieves his own redemption.

These and many other interesting novels are to be found on the shelves of your Library soon. Come and get them and live vicariously through many lands and ages.

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Especially noteworthy was the special arrangement of "Route 66" by the director.

The "Anchors Aweigh" march

Campus Groups Organize For 1949 - 1950

Several classes and clubs have elected their officers for 1949-1950. They look forward to getting off to business early in September.

Seniors: President, Lloyd Sykes; Vice President, Bradshaw Jones; Secretary, Emma Gaskins; Assistant Secretary, Betty Wynn; Treasurer, Wilsonia Swain.

Sophomores: President, Bennie Williams; Vice President, Velma Wall; Secretary, Doris Boyd; Assistant Secretary, Alice Hale; Treasurer, Mary Albritton.

College Choir: President, Lloyd Sykes; Vice President, William Price; Secretary, Pecola Bowser; Assistant Secretary, Undine Harrison; Treasurer, Michael Coston; Publicity Agents, Riley Mackey, Louvella Cottrell, Velma Williams.

Dramatic Club: President, Rufus Underwood; Vice President, Bradshaw Jones; Secretary-Treasurer, Beulah Henderson.

Sigma Rho Sigma: President, Mattie Baker; Vice President, Elizabeth Hinton; Secretary, Emma Gaskins; Assistant Secretary, Beulah Henderson; Treasurer, Lloyd Sykes.

Y.M.C.A.: President, Sterling Perry; Vice President, Lloyd Sykes; Secretary, William B. Jones; Assistant Secretary, David Lassiter; Treasurer, Roscoe Fields; Adviser, Mr. William J. Muldrow.

Prayer Meeting Council: Chairman, Olivia Gardner; Assistant Chairman, Phillip Mackey; Secretary, Byrtle H. Mitchell; Assistant Secretary, Carrie Daniels; Treasurer, Nellie Drew; Pianists, Irene Chambliss, Dorothy Page; Librarian, Ernest Pitt; Program Committee, Edith George, Vida Porter, Eva Reddick.

Beta Alpha Club: President, Rufus Underwood; Vice President, Sterling Perry; Secretary, James Riley; Assistant Secretary, William Jones; Treasurer, Roscoe Fields; Adviser, Mr. T. H. Wamack.

Busy Bee Club: President, Velma Wall; Vice President, Clarine Boone; Secretary, Carrie D. Williams; Assistant Secretary, Ozella Perry; Treasurer, Lillian Norman; Program Director, Clarice Hemby.

by Zimmermann rounded out the program and a spontaneous burst of applause filled the auditorium.

The College looks forward to even greater successes from the Band.