

Willis Barbee Dies As Result of Game Injury

The unfortunate accident that caused the death of Willis Barbee during the State Teachers College game with Morristown College was met with the deepest regret of all here, and in appreciation of the attention and consideration given during the bereavement the College received the following letters:

MORRISTOWN COLLEGE

M. W. Boyd, President
Morristown, Tennessee

November 3, 1950

Dr. S. D. Williams, President
Elizabeth City State Teachers College
Elizabeth City, N. C.

Dear President Williams:

I greatly appreciate your letter expressing sympathy to the faculty and student body concerning the death of Mr. Willis Barbee, one of our students. It is a great tragedy, in view of the promise which this young man's life held and the great opportunity which was his through his family background and his own talent. There are few students in our student body, if any, whom we could have given up at a greater loss than this young man. We cannot understand the why of this tragedy, but I suppose it is one of those mysteries of life that it is not given to us to understand.

I want you to know that there is no feeling on our campus, as far as I can understand, that there was any foul play involved. There is a fine feeling between our teams and our coaches and we hope that athletic relations will continue pleasant as in the past and that fate might not deal us another such tragedy, either on the part of our boys or yours.

I talked with representatives of your school and they informed me of the great strain under which you were laboring. I want you to know that I appreciate so very much what you have attempted to do and know also that you have my very best wishes for your speedy recovery. With sincere good wishes, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

—M. W. Boyd, President

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Box 664
Chapel Hill, N. C.
November 10, 1950

To the Student Body of
Elizabeth City Normal College:

Thank you for the kind attention and consideration which you showed toward us during our bereavement.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Barbee

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Will Rogers, invited to dinner by a friend, replied, "No, thanks, I've already eaten."

"You should say 'have eaten,'" his friend corrected.

"Well" drawled Rogers, "I know a lot of feller's who say 'have eaten' who ain't et!"

A man living in a village outside of Paris during the Revolution met a friend fresh from the city and asked what was happening. "It's awful," was the reply, "they're cutting off heads by the thousands."

"Good heavens! Surely not heads," he cried, "Why I'm a hatter."

ANNUAL P.T.A. CONVENES

Climaxing an eventful year in which numerous constructive activities were carried out, the Parent-Teachers Association of District No. 1, met at Elizabeth City State Teachers College Thursday, November 2, 1950.

Addressing the parents and teachers at the meeting, Mrs. M. S. Woodson, State Supervisor of Elementary Schools of North Carolina, told the attentive group that "Parents and Teachers must cooperate more in the struggle to build future citizens for a democratic society, that health education or the prevention, correction and cure of disease should be taught and practiced more."

The old adage "You are what you eat" was elaborated upon. She pointed out that not only should teachers be on the alert as to what a balanced diet will do for the health of the school child, but parents should also become wise to this responsibility.

Children usually have several established traits upon entering the classroom," continued Mrs. Woodson, "These traits whether good or bad are molded by the home. If parents would see that their children, before coming to school, and during the early school years, had established sense of correct behavior, much trouble would be eliminated as for discipline in the classroom is concerned.

"How can you know what is going on anywhere if you are not informed? This question was directed to the parents by Mrs. Woodson as she said, "Parents should and must visit the classroom more. They should become more conscious of their children, and what they are trying to get them to be in the future.

In conclusion Mrs. Woodson gave some good advice on human relations. "There was a time," she added, when it was thought that we needed only the three "Rs" in school, but now there is another very important "R"—it stands for relations with others. Men all over the world today need lesson upon lesson on human relations—how to treat their fellow men, and live interdependently in a democratic society."

Other important events of the meeting included greetings by Dr. S. D. Williams, responses by Mr. R. S. Cooper, Reverend W. C. Moss, Mr. E. C. Funderburk, Superintendent of Elizabeth City Public School System, Reverend S. E. Howell, and Miss Willie Mae Jefferies, Supervisor of Northampton.

ENLISTMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR AIR FORCE LOWERED

The Air Force has lowered the enlistment requirements for applicants with dependents, M/Sgt C. B. Cayton head of the Elizabeth City Army and Air Force recruiting station revealed here today.

The Air Force will now take men in grades of private through corporal with two dependents or less. Sergeants or higher may enlist, Cayton said, without regard as to the number of dependents. Previously only staff sergeants or higher with dependents were qualified to enlist.

To be eligible to enlist in grades of staff through master sergeant, an applicant must have had former service in the Armed Forces, Cayton said. Previous service is not required to be eligible to enlist in other grades, he added.

With The Faculty

During the month of November, members of your College Staff have filled several important engagements.

President S. D. Williams was keynote speaker at the twenty-third Annual observance of the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers. He also was present at the North Carolina College Conference where, during the business session, he was chosen, vice-president.

Others attending the College Conference held at Fayetteville, North Carolina, were Mr. W. P. Jones, Dean; Mr. T. E. Jones, Registrar; and Dr. R. Henderson, Mr. T. S. Jackson, and Mr. W. J. Muldrow of the department of Education.

Assisting the Elizabeth City teachers in their Reading Workshop was Miss G. B. Prater. She addressed the group on *The Teaching of Reading*.

Miss E. D. Elliot discussed *The Teaching of Science in the Elementary School* with Camden County teachers in a meeting held at the Trotman Road School on November 6.

The College representative at the meeting of Deans and Registrars in Colored Schools which convened in Washington, D. C. was Mr. T. E. Jones.

At a meeting of the Eastern District of the North Carolina Teachers Association in Tarboro, North Carolina, on November 10, Mrs. E. C. Mitchell spoke to teachers of English and Foreign Language. She was also speaker for the Negro Women's Community Club on the occasion of their anniversary on November 12.

Mr. E. N. Smith, Assistant Business Manager, on leave for study at New York University, was on the Campus during the Thanksgiving week end.

Mr. T. E. Wamack and Miss E. D. Elliot attended the meeting of teachers of Eastern North Carolina in Tarboro.

Thanksgiving Play Presented

On the Friday before Thanksgiving the college family was delightfully entertained. Section B in Play Production presented a playlet called "Thanksgiving Up To Date." The play was centered around "Little Fellow", the main character, who is left at home alone on Thanksgiving day by his well-to-do family. He has a dream in which he creates the first Thanksgiving with Priscilla, John Alben, and the Indians.

The play was very colorful and satisfactorily acted. All the scenery and table properties were made by the students. A very realistic and well-acted scene took place when John and Priscilla came to life out of the picture frame. In full, the play was a great success. Mrs. Hoffler and her class are to be congratulated.

"This Is Jazz"

Before a capacity Assembly audience, the Senior Art Society presented its first in a series of musical programs. "This Is Jazz" was introduced by the president of the organization, William Price. He later, in a very fitting manner, presented to the enthusiastic audience, Nellie Drew, who gave a scholarly discussion of "This Is Jazz".

Highlights of Miss Drew's speech gave emphasis to a number of interesting points. The name "Jazz" is not new, but it is as difficult to determine the origin of it as to locate the beginning of a folk song. This new-old word was known in Cuba and Haiti, from whence it is said that New Orleans got it. Henry Osgood, in his book, "So This Is Jazz", gives a definition that everyone may use without credit or acknowledgement. Jazz originated from Africa, and it means "to enliven" and "to pep up". It is to be distinguished from ragtime by its greater elaborateness and sophistication, especially in such matters as improvised elements and instrumentation.

Early Jazz was "hot jazz" which emphasized power, spontaneity, surprise, and a kind of mournful humor typical of the Negro blues. The first Negro Jazz Band was heard at Proctor's Twenty-Fifth Street in 1905. The orchestra consisted of banjos, guitars, mandolins, saxophones, drums, violin, and double drum. Will Marion Cook rehearsed the band, and it was an immediate success.

Jazz divides itself and follows two strains: The Negro and the Intellectual. At present Jazz is spoken of simultaneously with syncopation or ragtime, although, fundamentally, it is not the same thing. A few years ago, syncopation dealt with rhythm, while Jazz was the accompanying acrobatics and monkeyish antics on the part of the performer and the grotesque use of the instruments. Only in the last two or three years did Jazz rise to the dignity of a subject of serious consideration by Negro and white students of music.

This new-type program was presented to give to students a stimulus for appreciating the different types of music that are popular throughout our modern world.

GALA HOMECOMING

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ing personalities which represented our college.

Dance in Gymnasium

Saturday night at 8 p.m. marked the beginning of the last period of entertainment for a day packed full of fun and enjoyment. The occasion was the dance given in the gymnasium. Inching my way around the floor, with an "Excuse me" here, and a "Pardon me" there, I noticed with pleasure that everyone was having a wonderful time. The students were out in full force with their relatives and friends. It was hard to tell the Alumni from anyone else. It was just one happy crowd having a lot of fun.

We were serenaded by Joe Thomas and his orchestra from Brooklyn, New York. The numbers played by them ranged from hot jazz to the more soothing or dreamlined numbers. A most enjoyable surprise came when Miss Mackey sang "I Need You So" and "I'll Never Be Free", in her melodious voice.