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COLLEGE WILL GRADUATE 113 SENIORS

The sixtieth Commencement exercises of the State Teachers College will be held on May 28-30. This year the Baccalaureate Sermon will be preached by Dr. James Phillips of the Department of Religion, Durham, N. C. A graduate of Duke University, Dr. Phillips holds B. S. and Ph. D. degrees from Yale University.

The college will have as its commencement speaker, Dr. John Hope Franklin of the Department of History at Howard University, Washington, D. C. Dr. Franklin received his bachelors degree from Fisk University; his M. A. and Ph. D. degrees from Harvard.

The following persons are candidates for graduation:

Helen F. Allen, Pearline Alston, Ethel M. Anderson, Frances E. Ballard, Carolina D. Banks, Florence D. Barnes, Willie M. Baxter, Penelope E. Bemby, Dollie L. Best, Hortense D. Boone, Margie C. Boone, Robert L. Booth, Clarence Bowe, William C. Bowser, Ada G. Branch, Elaine H. Brown, Encis T. Brown, George L. Brown, Emmie F. Joyner, Margie L. Burden, Santiago W. Burrell, Clara B. Burton, Naomi P. Close, Geneva M. Gogdell, Mary L. Credle, Inez B. Davis, Adele J. Dickerson, Suddie G.

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Salute to Miss Virginia Hodges

In the Sunday, March 7, 1954 edition of the Norfolk, Virginia Pilot, special emphasis was given to Miss Virginia Hodges of Norfolk, Virginia, for very outstanding work in teaching children with retarded mental development. A State Teachers College graduate, she moves forward in the Norfolk area, helping retarded youngsters to grow up mentally.

After receiving her bachelor of science degree from State Teachers College, Miss Hodges continued her education by attending Columbia University where she received her master of arts degree last June. During last summer, she took training at the Horace Mann Institute of Columbia University, Teachers College, where she specialized in teaching children with retarded mental development.

At present, Miss Hodges teaches at Henry Clay School of Norfolk. Her children are taught practical arithmetic, such as making change, buying, budgeting and saving. She makes wide use of experience reading charts. Miss Hodges believes that the "Philosophy of special education is realistic."

This summer Miss Hodges will begin work on a doctorate degree at the University of Chicago. She will be primarily interested in the study of Children with Retarded Mental Development.

—D. Taylor

MISS S. T. C. CROWNED



Miss S. T. C. and her attendants at the coronation which climaxed the observance of Senior Day, left to right: Elizabeth F. Taylor, Doris M. Smith (Miss S. T. C.), Shirley Harrison, and Callie Mouran.

President S. D. Williams Leading North Carolina Educator

President S. D. Williams has recently received honors which have distinguished him as one of North Carolina's leading educators.

At the 1954 session of the North Carolina Teachers Association held in Raleigh in April, President Williams, by a large majority of votes cast for the office, was elected vice-president of the organization. A few weeks later at the annual meeting of Hammocks Beach Executives, he was named vice-chairman of the Hammocks Beach Project, an undertaking managed by Negro educators of North Carolina and made possible through the generosity of the noted brain specialist, Dr. William Sharp.

President Williams has also been called upon during this session to deliver commencement addresses at several high schools in North Carolina, including the Spaulding High School at Spring Hope and the Richard B. Harrison High School at Selma.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Chapter Established on Campus

S. T. C. welcomed the first chapter, Lambda Gamma, of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity on its campus May 15 when ten charter members were initiated. Those members are Shadrack Brown, Santiago Burrell, James Caspell, Paul James, Alfred Marbley, Clinton Patterson, Paul Pruden, James Roland, Willie Spence, and Luther Williams.

In addition to the undergraduate members, three graduate members were inducted in Delta Iota Chapter. They are Mr. William Muldrow, Mr. Joshua Crumm, and Mr. R. F. McMullen.

Newsletter Trio Attend Scholastic Press Meeting

Queenie Ferebee, Delorice Taylor, and Curtiss Twine attended the Columbia Scholastic Press Conference held at Columbia University, New York, March 13-15.

The display of elementary, high school and college newspapers held in rotunda of the Low Library, sessions of the Teachers College Division featuring discussions on editorials, sports, feature writing and the tour of the New York Times building, were among the interesting events of the conference.

Queenie Ferebee was named as a North Carolina representative to the Executive Board of the Teachers College Division for the year 1954-55.

The group was accompanied by the adviser of the Newsletter staff, Mrs. E. C. Mitchell, and by president S. D. Williams.

College Choir in Annual Concert

The State Teachers A Capella Choir appeared in annual concert in Moore Auditorium on Sunday, May 23 at 6 P.M. under the direction of Miss Evelyn Johnson.

In the program there was a fine balance between religious and folk music, with "Father Eternal" by Ralph Williams and an English folk song "The Old Woman and the Pedlar" being among the most striking renditions.

Mr. Attrus Fleming, instructor in piano, was accompanist.

Greetings!

CLASS OF 1954

S. T. C. Stages Annual College Day

The Elizabeth City State Teachers College celebrated its traditional College Day on Thursday, April 8, when seniors took over the academic and administrative duties of the institution.

The program began during chapel period when President S. D. Williams, after giving a brief statement of the purpose of the program, turned the keys of the college over to Earl B. Thomas, who served as president.

Acting President Thomas addressed the students, using as his theme "I Envy You" and called attention to the need to take advantage of the many facilities which were being constantly provided students of the Institution, specifically calling attention to those which have been recently provided.

Other seniors serving in administrative capacities included: Repsie Warren, Goldsboro, Dean of the College; Dollie Best, Goldsboro, Registrant; Elizabeth Taylor, Edenton, Secretary to the President; Juanita Jackson, Washington, D. C., Dean of Women; Sara Freeman, Colerain, Bursar; Melvina Young, New Bern, Secretary to the Dean; Maurice Freeman, Ahoskie, Assistant Registrar; Amaza Manley, Margarettsville, Secretary to the Registrar.

The day's activities were climaxed with a semi-formal dance and program honoring Miss Doris Smith of Williamston, "Miss S. T. C." for the year of 1953-54.

—Curtis Twine

ALPHA KAPPA MU



New members of the Alpha Kappa Honor Society are Bettye Tillery, Delorice, Taylor, Mary Gatling, Ernestine Davis, Estelle Simons, and (Caroline Banks not shown).

FORMER DEAN OF COLLEGE GETS DEGREE

Wendell P. Jones, former Academic Dean of Elizabeth City State Teachers College recently earned the Doctor of Philosophy Degree at the University of Chicago. His field of major study was educational administration with special reference to higher education.

He is the brother of Mr. Taylor E. Jones, who is now Registrar at this institution.