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STC President Heads NCTA



PRESIDENT S. D. WILLIAMS

ELECTED AT 75th ANNUAL MEETING

Dr. S. D. Williams, president of the Elizabeth City State Teachers College was elected president of the North Carolina Teachers Association at the 75th Annual Meeting held recently in Raleigh, North Carolina.

For several years Dr. Williams has been identified with educational activities in the state of North Carolina. Before coming to Elizabeth City, he was an instructor at Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N. C. For twenty-five years he has been associated with the Elizabeth City State Teachers College, serving as Dean and President respectively. In addition, he served for a number of years as President of the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers. He is now Vice-Chairman of the Hammocks Beach Project.

All past presidents were honored in a general session during the 1956 or "Diamond Jubilee" meeting. On hand to receive the plaudits of current members were past presidents: O. R. Pope, Philadelphia, formerly of Rocky Mount; J. W. Seabrook, Fayetteville; J. A. Tarpley, Greensboro; H. V. Brown, Goldsboro; A. H. Anderson, Winston-Salem; and C. L. Blake, Charlotte.

—Twine

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

- April 20—Lampodas Club—Sock Hop
- April 27—Veteran's Annual Semi-Formal Ball
- May 2—Faculty Annual Scholarship Card Tournament
- May 4—Junior-Senior Prom
- May 18—F.T.A. Variety Party
- April 28—Dance—Virginia Collegians

LEONARD TERRELL IS PALM SUNDAY SPEAKER

The Thalys Sorosis Club sponsored the annual Palm Sunday services on March 25. Guest speaker was the Reverend Leonard Terrell, Director of Religious Activities, Virginia State College, Petersburg, Virginia.

In a calm but effective manner, Rev. Terrell held his audience spellbound as he discussed the extraordinary ability of Mary, the sister of Martha, and her divine love for Christ. He stressed the importance of the development of an "outgoing personality" and urged his listeners to concentrate upon this. Throughout the address, he spoke of the need for love of natural beauty.

Music was rendered by the College Choir.

An informal reception honoring Dr. Terrell was given by the Thalys Sorosis Club immediately following the program.

—Leathers

Iris Thompson Has Winning Essay

Iris L. Thompson has received recognition for her essay *Why I Want To Be A Teacher* which appeared in the Education issue of the Journal and Guide for March 17.

The popular senior is a graduate of the Rosenwald High School of Fairmont, North Carolina. Since her enrollment at the Elizabeth City State Teachers College in 1952, she has maintained a "B" average and has been active in several campus organizations, including the Sigma Rho Sigma, honorary social studies club, the Dormitory Council, Student Council, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

PLAYERS, INCORPORATED PRESENT "KING LEAR"

A large audience was highly entertained on March 10 when the Players, Incorporated presented Shakespeare's great drama of filial ingratitude, "King Lear".

Feeling of pity, disgust, sympathy and excitement ran high as the audience sat in rapt attention throughout the performance. Lear, seeking to discover the truth concerning his daughters, his shattered hopes, his madness—all contributed toward a most unusual development of a profound tragedy.

The play was a good one, and the acting was superb.

—Exum

ANNUAL COLLEGE DAY HELD

The Annual College Day of the Elizabeth City State Teachers College was held on March 29. Members of the Senior Class conducted the affairs of the College throughout the day. The climax of events came with a Coronation Ball in the College Gymnasium at eight o'clock.

The program which began during the Assembly hour was directed by Yvonne Bland, president of the Senior Class. Introductory remarks were made by President S. D. Williams, and Dean George L. Davis presented the seniors who were given the loyalty oath. Senior officers were then presented.

After a rearrangement of Assembly seating, Yvonne Bland made remarks. Her well-chosen subject "Are We Prepared" emphasized preparation for good citizenship in a democratic society. She spoke on the importance of standards, stressing the fact that student standards now will determine success tomorrow; also that in order to be successful teachers on the job, we should set good standards. In closing Miss Bland said that the future citizens will be our pride, not our problems, if all of us can command respect. (See COLLEGE DAY page two)

NEWSLETTER STAFF REPRESENTED AT CSPA

Richard Branch and Alelia Koonce attended the Columbia Scholastic Press Conference held at Columbia University, New York, March 15-17.

Among the interesting events of the Conference that inspired the delegates were the display of elementary, high school and College newspapers held in the rotunda of the Low Library of Columbia University; sessions of the Teachers College Division featuring discussions on editorial page layout, censorship, arousing interest in newspaper work, photography; and a tour of the New York Times Building.

The delegates listened to speeches by professional journalists and outstanding members of the school publication field. Among them were Frank E. Greene, Department of English, Rhode Island College of Education, Providence, Rhode Island; Dr. Benjamin Fine, Education Editor, The New York Times; and E. Clifton Daniels, Assistant Bureau Chief, London.

Alelia Koonce was named as a North Carolina representative to the Executive Board of the Teachers College Division for the year 1956-57.

The group was accompanied by the adviser of the Newsletter Staff, Mrs. E. H. Mitchell, and Mr. Kenneth R. Jeffries.

—Alelia Koonce

College Host To High School Seniors

Many high school seniors of Eastern North Carolina were entertained on April 12 at the Elizabeth City State Teachers College.

Registration began at 10:30 A.M. in Moore Hall. Greetings at the opening session were extended by President S. D. Williams, Dean G. L. Davis, and Dean T. L. Caldwell.

Seniors accompanied by guides toured the campus, visited classes, and listened to college students discuss the College program and the role of the elementary school teacher. Visits were also made to the Training School where students were engaged in cadet teaching.

After lunch, which was served in the College Dining Hall at 12:30, students attended various workshops.

The program for the day ended with a social in the Gymnasium at which time the College Dance Band performed.

—Mary Spruill

NORFOLK DIVISION OF V. S. C. PRESENTS "THE NINTH GUEST"

The Richard B. Harrison Dramatic Club of the Norfolk Division of Virginia State College presented the popular play, "The Ninth Guest", by Owen Davis at the College on March 26.

The play was a mystery drama by Owen Davis, founded on the novel of Given Bristow and Bruce Manning. The story revolved around an unusual party in a penthouse, atop an office building 15 stories above the ground. To this penthouse eight people were invited. It was a decidedly peculiar party.

These eight people suddenly found themselves locked in the penthouse with no means of escape, while they were compelled to await the arrival of the ninth guest who came in the form of hideous death. Mystery piled on mystery, and thrill followed thrill before the solution of all the weird events that came in such rapid succession.

STUDENTS HEAR DR. GRADY D. DAVIS

Students were highly inspired and overjoyed by the remarks made by Dr. Grady D. Davis, Dean of Religion, Shaw University, on Monday, March 19.

In a very humorous yet scholarly manner, Dr. Davis aroused the thinking of his audience as he contemplated upon the necessity of trained men and women in Christian Education. He said that the college sets the tone for the entire university, and that it is

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