

DEAN CHARLES H. BOYER

On the twelfth day of November 1869, in the little town of Elkton, Maryland, a child was born, destined to become an inspiring teacher and leader of colored youth. This child who received his early educational training in the public schools of Elkton and Pennsylvania, and his first higher training at both the Institute for Colored Youth in Pennsylvania and the Hopkins Grammar Preparatory School in New Haven, Connecticut, is none other than our beloved Dean Chas. H. Boyer.

Like the blue and white St. Augustine's pennant, a glowing emblem of inspiration, hope and achievement, Dean Boyer lives in our hearts and minds as an individual worthy of admiration and complete imitation by all who have been fortunate enough to come in contact with him.

When he first came to teach at St. Augustine's in 1896, after having graduated from Yale University, St. Augustine's was just a normal school giving industrial training to both boys and girls. After he was here for forty years, serving as Dean from 1925 to 1936, he saw St. Augustine's develop into a fully accredited four-year college, giving its first degree in 1931. For his splendid work and service in fostering this achievement, a large share of the credit should be laid at his feet. Unassuming and unaffected as he is, it is easy to understand his disclamation of any credit for the accomplishment.

In September, 1897, he claimed as his bride, his high school sweet heart, Miss Amelia Chase of New Haven. They were happily married,

and together raised seven of their eight children to maturity. Four of them are residents of Raleigh; the other three are living in Florida, New York, and Michigan.

Dean Boyer takes a keen interest in everything around him. His hobbies are picture taking and nature study, although he derives much pleasure from the radio and the movies. He shows a great preference for mysteries or dramatic plays, combining pathos with laughter. Nothing entertains him more than to listen to the comedians, Fred Allen and Fibber McGee. Having played and coached both football and baseball in high school, he is an ardent fan of all sports. It is not an uncommon sight to see him wearing the colors of the school at our athletic contests.

One of his greatest thrills was making a trip abroad when celebrating his 15th anniversary. He enjoyed the crossing immensely, and he never lost a meal either way. While there, he visited the chief cities of Italy, Germany, France, and England, observing Corpus Christi day at the Cathedral of Milan and gliding in a gondola through the water-covered streets of Venice. His unique experiences in Egypt, Rome and Paris have made vital impressions upon him which have influenced his outlook on life.

Blessed with hosts of true friends he adheres to the old proverb, "To have friends, one must show himself friendly". He has faith in young people; he strives to remain close to them, always reminding them to be cautious and careful and to maintain a high and noble