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N.C.C. Extension Courses For '37 Off to Good Start

Extension Department Has Phenomenal Growth Over Few Years

By Ulysses

The off campus extension service of the North Carolina College for Negroes for the current year has been definitely and successfully launched and is off to a good start. For many of these groups were organized during the month of September shortly after the schools opened, and the others have been set to work within the last few weeks.

All of these extension centers are located in towns and cities, easy of access to the large numbers of urban and rural teachers working in these cities and the surrounding rural communities. The classes are generally conducted at the local high school of the particular community served, where room, light and heat, in most instances, are furnished gratis.

The particular feature of our institution's work, the off-campus extension service, has had a most remarkable growth and development, almost as phenomenal as that of the institution itself. For it is a far away call from the small groups of teachers that in the beginning gathered at the local college late afternoons or nights for work in extension classes, conducted only at the college to our present setup, covering a dozen or more counties with extension centers in an equal number of places and an enrollment of five hundred or more in-service teachers working in a score or more counties of the state.

Only last year a full time instructor was placed in charge of this work in the belief that one individual giving full time to this service would be able to conduct all the several group centers. But it was soon made evident that additional help would be necessary to do what was needed to

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Alpha Chi Group Greets New-comers

The Alpha Chi Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority welcomes those of you who are new to our campus. During the school year we would like to feel that we are putting something worthwhile into your campus life.

In order that you may know us, our roster is composed of the following officers:

Basileus—Soror Mayme Spaulding.
Anti-Basileus—Soror Florence Green.

E. Pistoleus—Soror Juanita Yeates.
Grammateus—Soror Dorothy Whitted.

Dean of Pledges—Soror Pocahontas Scott.

Sponsor—Soror Pauline Newton.

Homecoming Game

The Home Coming Game this year will be played Saturday, November 6, with Virginia Union University. This will be a great game. Every former student and graduate of the Institution is expected to be present and make this a great reunion.

The rallying cry from now until November 6—MEET ME AT THE HOME COMING GAME!

Shorthand Lesson Astounds All Comers

By Miss Cee Vee Harris

If you want to see a class of students which looks as if it is being led to an intellectual slaughter, visit a class room for the presentation of the first lesson in shorthand. One in the group, more precocious than the others, will usually come to the teacher's desk, or stop her in the aisles, and inform her that he has never studied shorthand before and, therefore, all of his errors or slowness in absorbing the art must be excused by his lack of experience.

As a matter of fact, everyone who begins a course in this abbreviated writing, especially the Gregg System, has been studying some of the rudiments of the subject ever since he learned the script alphabet. It is a system based on curves, circles, and straight lines, and has a slant of about fifteen degrees. The A in Gregg shorthand is identical with the large circle in the longhand letter A. The E, likewise, is a replica of the small circle in the longhand E. Our first consonant is taken from the downward curve in the letter B.

The study of shorthand affords an opportunity for all poor spellers to conceal their shortcoming, as short-

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Bri-Dra-So Stagers Hold First Meeting and Elect Officers

By P. L. Scott

The Bri-Dra-So Stagers held their first meeting Tuesday, October 5, 1937. Officers for the term, '37-38, were elected and the projects for the year were outlined by the directress, Miss Katie Kelly. The officers are as follows:

President, Walter Ellerbee.
Vice-President, Burnett Rickick.
Sec.-Treas., Esther Delaney.
Business Manager, Milton Grant.
Stage Manager, William Stafford.
Costume Man., Pocahontas Scott.
Property Managers, Leon Greene,
Emmett McCullough.

Electrician, Charles Graves.

Makeup, Esther Delaney.

The first major production of the year will be Jerome K. Jerome's "Passing of the Third Floor Back."

Mr. Alphonse Heningburg has volunteered his services to the dramatic club and expresses a keen desire to help those especially interested in the mechanical phase of dramatics. The club is happy to welcome Mr. Heningburg and we sincerely feel that his services will be invaluable.

At the present time fifty-six students have made applications for membership to the Bri-Dra-So Stagers. The tryouts will be held Tuesday night, October 19.

The Bri-Dra-So Stagers have great ambitions and inspirations for this year. Watch us!

The first concert in our new auditorium will be given by that world famous artist Roland Hayes. The admission will be \$1.00 and \$1.50. Send in your reservations early.

ROLAND HAYES



World famous Negro tenor, who will give a recital in the new auditorium December 6, 1937.

Roland Hayes Expresses Genius Of His Own Race

Europe Amazed at Beauty of Spirituals as Sung by Leading Tenor

The reason for the surpassing fame of Roland Hayes is not hard to explain. He has not only expressed the particular genius of his race more completely than any other Negro—he has made his voice a more delicately perfect organ than any singer of any race, and he has probed more truly than any other the inner beauty of the world's great songs.

Through the mirror of his tenderly beautiful voice and his probing sympathy, the spirituals have found, according to general opinion, their most poignant and complete expression. These songs of stark, disarming emotion, of touching childlike faith, of vivid word imagery, have taken such a complete hold of Roland Hayes' audiences that there are often, after the final cadence, several moments of silence before the applause breaks the illusion.

Europe, which scarcely knew the spirituals, has been amazed at their unsuspected beauty. One recalls in particular the profound impression they have made in London, and in musical Vienna, which proclaimed them a true discovery.

Even to Russia, Roland Hayes carried the songs of his race, and it is a tribute to the universal language of music, that, although having no inkling of what the words might mean, the audiences, likewise of serf-heritage, were evidently deeply moved, and many, coming to the

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Incomes Under \$2,000 Buy 60 Per Cent Of All Autos

40% of Mechanical Refrigerators Are Bought by Same Group

From the Herald Tribune Bureau

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10—Figures indicating that about 60 per cent of all automobiles and 40 per cent of the mechanical refrigerators in use in American cities are used by families having incomes of less than \$2,000 a year were made public today by the Department of Commerce.

The findings were based on a study of cross-section groups of the families making up the population of fifty cities. The statements explained that in each city there were more than two and one-half times as many families with incomes below \$2,000 as families with incomes above that amount.

Dormitories Should Be The Educational Centers of Campus

Sophomore Class Settles Down For Best Year Yet

Ready To Tackle Any Problem

By Joseph Christmas

With the suddenness of a summer shower, this year's Sophomore Class has swept down upon the North Carolina College Campus; full of vim, vim, and vigor; ready to tackle any problem; adjusted to absorb some of the abundant college education. It is no wonder that the class goes to college for education, for there is a lot of it; the Freshmen always bring a little in, and the seniors never take any away.

Because such a few old classmates failed to return, because of a cooperative impact, well-organized executive committee, because of an understanding, upright group of classmates, the zealous air of endeavor prevails in each member. As a whole, the class feels that education is to unsettle the minds of the young and to inflame their intellects. It is needless to say, therefore, that the Sophomores stand firm in their convictions of right, that their aim is through truth.

With the faithful supervision of its beloved sponsor, Mrs. J. W. Harris, the Class prospered during all last term in drinking from the fountain

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Youth Of Today Is No Churchgoer

Schoolman Tells Episcopalians Majority Never Attend Church

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—(AP)—Thirty-six of the 49 million young persons in the United States have never set foot inside a church, the Eastern Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church was told Monday.

The statement was made by the Rev. Frank E. Gaebelein, headmaster of the Stony Brook School for Boys, Stony Brook, Long Island, N. Y., who said a questionnaire revealed that "of 55,000 youngsters attending certain schools in New York, more than 16,000 never heard of the ten commandments."

Of more than 18,000 students in Virginia, he said 16,000 were unable to name four biblical prophets, 12,000 to name the four gospels, and 10,000 to name three of the Christ's disciples."

Gaebelein cited these reported facts to illustrate his contention that the young people of his country are "spiritually illiterate."

Governor Hoey To Speak At Dedicatory Exercises

Our beautiful new auditorium, dormitory, library and six cottages will be dedicated Sunday, December 5, at 3:00 P. M.

The dedicatory address will be delivered by Governor Clyde R. Hoey. Every graduate and friend of the Institution is invited to hear the address and to witness the wonderful expansion at North Carolina College.

Dean Ruth G. Rush Explains Purpose of Residence Halls and Outlines Plans

By Dean Ruth G. Rush

It is assumed from the title that we think a dormitory *should be* an educational center. Anna Pierce in "Deans and Advisers of Women and Girls" gives the following purposes of residence halls:

1. To afford the students a low-cost, model home.
2. To furnish surroundings which will develop and maintain high ideals and a taste for culture and refinement.
3. To overcome the present tendency in school life to over-emphasize certain pleasures and amusements and to give too little attention to others of equal or greater value.
4. To utilize every worthy social accomplishment of each student and develop his dormant social abilities.
5. To check the tendency to over-stress the fraternity and sorority factor in student life and to cultivate instead the genuine spirit of democracy.
6. To provide a form of residence where adequate attention commensurate with its social, and moral health maintenance and where the maximum of help is afforded to check at its inception any departure from perfect health in any of these departments.
7. To furnish surroundings for students so free from disturbing influences that they will be able to do their best scholastic work at all times.

Our students have inherited a tradition which makes it difficult to secure an atmosphere conducive to the development of the intellectual.

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Physical Education Adds New Classes

Schedule Includes Tumbling and Apparatus

The Physical Education department offers something new—two classes in tumbling and apparatus. The instructor has set forth nearly one hundred individual activities involving work on all apparatus. Over a third of these events must be accomplished by each student. A point system is in use and all men who expect to receive a grade of C must earn at least 490 points out of a possible 1470. 890 points must be earned for a grade of A. At the end of the second quarter three medals signifying gymnastic ability and individual achievement will be given to the individuals having the greatest number of points. At present the leaders are George Logan, Edward Norris and James Newton, each having 120 points.

Despite the novelty of the work and despite the likelihood of falls and shake-ups the effort and interest shown by those enrolled promises keen competition and a realization of the class' objectives.

McLendon, Instructor.