



DR. J. H. TAYLOR

One of the six members of the Board of Trustees of the American Teachers Association is Dr. J. H. Taylor, Director of North Carolina College's Summer School. Dr. Taylor is a native of Burkesville, Kentucky.

Dr. Taylor is a graduate of Michigan State Normal College from which he was graduated in 1927. He received a General Education Board Scholarship during his senior year.

From 1927 to 1929 Dr. Taylor was principal of the High School Division of Alabama State Normal School. He went to the University of Michigan in 1929 and received the A. M. degree in history from that institution the following year.

In 1930 he was appointed dean of Alabama State Teachers College, a position he held, with the exception of two years, which he spent at the University of California as General Education Board Fellow, working on his doctorate, until he came to North Carolina College in 1939. Since 1946 he has been Director of the Summer School.

Dr. Taylor is listed in the Directory of American Scholars; Who's Who in Negro America; Who's Who in American Education; Who's Who in the South and Southwest; and Who's Who in America. He is also a member of several learned societies, the chief of which are Pi Gamma Mu and Phi Alpha Theta. As a member of the Board of Trustees of White Rock Baptist Church and John Avery's Boys, Durham, he is active in community affairs.

MRS. MINNIE D. BELL

Mrs. Minnie D. Bell of Washington, D. C. also holds the distinction of being one of only five women to head ATA. She now serves on the Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Bell is a product of the District of Columbia Schools and was graduated from Miner Normal College and Howard University. She was formerly treasurer of the Columbian Education Association before that group became affiliated with the newly integrated D. C. Education Association.

At present Mrs. Bell is serving as her school's representative to the National Education Association. She was also a member of the Superintendents Advisory Board for three years. In addition, Mrs. Bell is a member of the following or-



DR. J. F. DRAKE

Serving on the Board of Trustees of American Teachers Association is Dr. Joseph Fanning Drake, President of Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical College, Normal, Ala.

Dr. Drake received his B. A. degree from Talladega College, M. A. from Columbia University and Doctor of Philosophy degree from Cornell University. He is a native of Auburn, Alabama.

The following positions have been held by Dr. Drake: assistant principal, Corsicana High School, Corsicana, Texas; teacher, Avery Institute, Charleston, South Carolina; Supervisor of Adult Education, Alabama State Department of Education (1924-26); teacher, Alabama State Normal School, (1920-27). He has served as president of Alabama A. M. since 1927.

Dr. Drake has traveled extensively in Europe, visiting England, France, Switzerland, Italy, Austria, Germany, Holland, Denmark and Sweden.

Dr. Drake holds memberships in the following organizations: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; Masons (32nd degree); Boy Scouts of America; (past president) Alabama State Teachers Association; and Conference of Negro Land-Grant College Presidents and NEA.

LUCIUS T. BACOTE

Serving on the Executive Committee of American Teachers Association is Mr. Lucius T. Bacote of Dublin, Georgia. Mr. Bacote is a native of Hartsville, South Carolina, and a graduate of Tuskegee Institute.

Bacote received his M. Ed. from Atlanta University and has done advance studies at

organizations: Phi Delta Kappa Sorority, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and is chairman of the sorority's committee which works with handicapped children. This group entertains the children monthly.



Elmer Hawkins Cites Need For ATA

The 54th annual meeting of the ATA to be held in Durham this July, 1957, will have special significance. We will meet at a time when our teachers are much concerned as to what will be their status as school systems make certain transitory moves to bring about the ideal of democracy as it relates to the education of children. They face the hard and stark reality that it will be only faith in doing the right and high moral standard of the leaders as to what will actually happen to the teachers as changes take place.

We meet in the areas that our teachers in the areas that have left the ATA, know deep in their hearts and souls that the ATA and organizations like it are sorely needed. But they cannot find the words to express nor the organized effort among their profession to cry out as a voice in the wilderness, lest their utterances be misunderstood and they be regarded as people without purpose.

There are indications that our teachers are waging a courageous fight and have accomplished the seeming impossible in many places. They have made day by day steps which seem lasting and sure. It is also true that there has been disappointment in many areas where the ideal sought for should have been realized long before, and there is only a reflection of what was trying to be eradicated.

This meeting must face the realism that great pillars of the organization are falling in death in closer succession. Two of the important officers answered that call this year. These were dedicated men, liberal enough in their views to

move into the areas which the future demanded, yet they were conservative enough to hold to the landmarks which wisdom decrees must be done. They must be replaced at a time when pressing problems from without and the usual problems from within are giving the members much concern.

However, against the background of this picture which might seem gloomy is the consolation that there is left in the ATA the type of a member who is not the slave of the past nor the will-of-the-wisp of the future to each new colored light as it makes its appearance in the future orbit. But rather he is the salt of the earth who lives each day completely and acts the living present, heart within and God overhead.

It is he who will come to Durham to give balance to the meeting and keep the keel even. It is he who will come to be among friends and enjoy the comradeship of knowing that this is his land and his people of whom he is proud and to whom he belongs. He will have been far and wide, he will have been among the high places and he will come to lend that experience or those experiences to a people who have traveled far but have still much distance to go before the port is actually reached.

He will be there to keep the ATA alive in its new found objectives and as an instrument in the Divine plan to lead these people to a high ground and a high calling in professional leadership. Let us look together as we meet in this 54th annual meeting of ATA in the lovely surroundings of Durham and the warmth of love and hospitality of its people.

—ELMER T. HAWKINS

New York University. When asked about the 1957 ATA convention, Bacote had this to say: "I look forward to the 54th convention of the ATA with keen anticipation for its splendor and promise for a program that will have greater significance than any other convention. This convention will be different from others in that we are witnessing a transition in our social pattern whose progress excels most of our imagination."

Evidence of Mr. Bacote's interests and distinction can be seen in the following summary of his offices and memberships in organizations:

Immediate Past President, Georgia Teachers and Education Association; Delegate-at-Large, Georgia Teachers and Education Association; member, Advisory Committee for the Reorganization of NEA; Discussion Leader, Portland Convention NEA; member of President's Committee, White Conference; member of Executive Committee, ATA; Chairman, Negro Committee, Dublin Housing Authority; Elder, Washington Street Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Bacote is married and the father of two daughters.

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