

Inaugural Echo

North Carolina College at Durham



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Colorful Activities Mark Inauguration

Durham 'Herald' Lauds NCC Head

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In seeking a successor to retiring President Alfonso Elder, the board of trustees of North Carolina College put high on its list of desiderata the qualifications of sound scholarship and some administrative experience. Both standards are met in Dr. Samuel P. Massie who last week was elected third president of the Durham institution.

Dr. Massie has attained national prominence in education by his work with the National Science Foundation as associate program and project director. In this post he has made numerous contacts with institutions throughout the United States through the foundation's program of making grants to colleges and universities for upgrading the teaching of mathematics and the sciences and for the purchase of undergraduate science equipment, the latter being from its inauguration in 1961 under Dr. Massie's supervision.

This work with the National Science Foundation has given Dr. Massie not only experience in administration but an exceptional knowledge of the financial operation of institutions throughout the country. Because the grants for purchasing equipment are made on a matching basis, Dr. Massie has had the opportunity to become acquainted with the fiscal policies of over 800 colleges and universities. Thus an aspect of administration all too often

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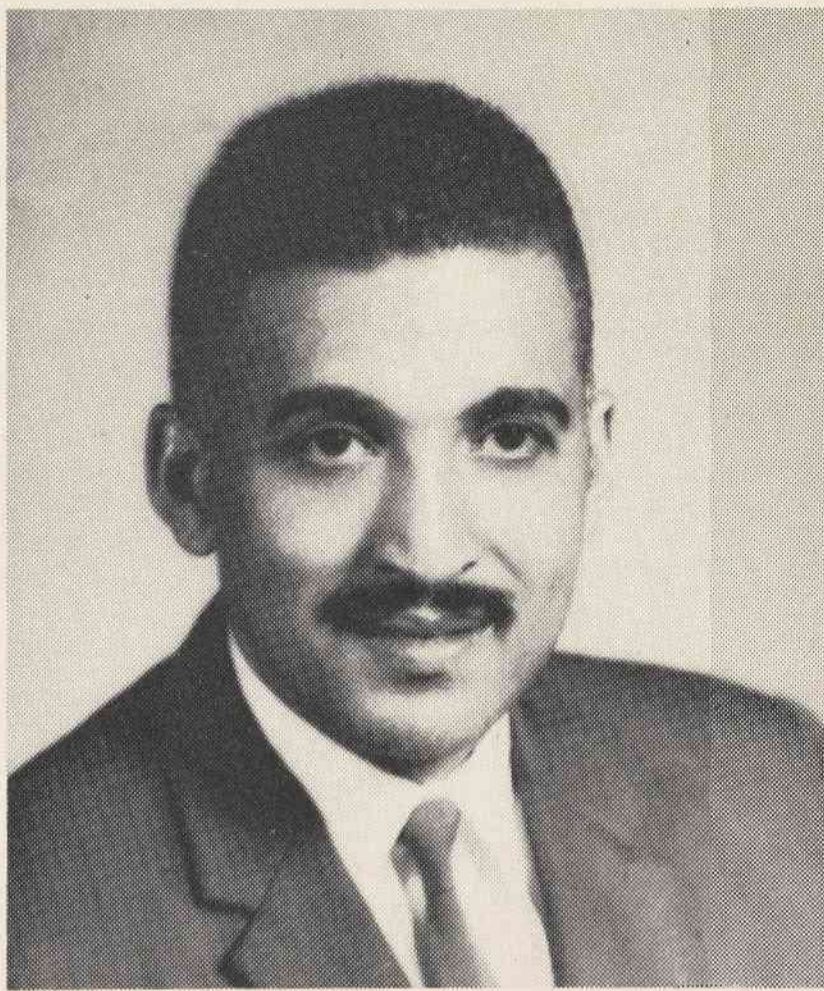
'Campus Echo' Greets Massie

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We have not met Dr. Samuel P. Massie, yet; we have only seen and heard him, briefly; but we admire him, welcome him; he has the presidential qualities needed for a growing North Carolina College.

Dr. Massie brings prestige to NCC with his long string of achievements. He has been Associate Program Director for Undergraduate Science Education of the National Science Foundation, during which time he administered an 8 million dollar program for undergraduate science equipment. He has been professor and chairman of chemistry and pharmaceutical departments in two of the nation's top universities, Fisk and Howard. Among his achievements in the science field, other than his research in cancer, drugs, explosives and atomic energy, he has written a paper on his research in "phenothia" science which received international recognition. In 1961, he was hailed as one of the six top chemistry profes-

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SAMUEL P. MASSIE

Noted Chemist New NCC Head

Samuel P. Massie, the third President of North Carolina College at Durham, came to the Durham institution from Washington, D. C., where he was associate program director for undergraduate science education of the National Science Foundation.

In this position he had the primary responsibility for the undergraduate instructional scientific equipment program, which was budgeted for eight million dollars.

Dr. Massie had been a staff member of the Foundation since August, 1960. He continues to serve as a consultant to the Foundation. During his last year in Washington he also served as Professor and Chairman of the Pharmaceutical Chemistry Department at Howard University.

Native of Arkansas

Dr. Massie is a native of Little Rock, Arkansas, where he received his elementary and secondary education, finishing high school at the age of 13.

Subsequently, he went to Dunbar Junior College in Little Rock, where he was President of the Student Council, and to the Agricultural, Mechanical, and Normal College in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, where he graduated summa cum laude with a major in Chemistry at the age of 18.

He then went to Fisk University, receiving his Master's degree in Chemistry in 1940.

He returned to his Alma Mater, Agricultural, Mechanical, and Normal College, for a year and then went to Iowa State College (now University), where he received his Ph.D. degree in Organic Chemistry in 1946, his educational studies being interrupted by two and a

half years of military research. Fisk Instructor

After a brief stint in industry at Eastman Kodak Company in Rochester, New York, he returned to his second Alma Mater, Fisk University, in 1946 as a Chemistry instructor.

In September, 1947, he went to Oklahoma, where for six years he served as Professor and Chairman of the Chemistry Department of Langston University. In 1953, he served as President of the Oklahoma Academy of Science.

He was invited back to Fisk (See *Noted Chemist*, page 2)

National Dignitaries Honor Massie

Dr. Samuel Proctor Massie, 44-year-old internationally known chemist and educator, will be inaugurated as third president of North Carolina College at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 25.

A distinguished group of leaders from education, business, and industry will join officials of the State of North Carolina and more than 300 representatives from U.S. colleges, universities, and learned societies for the colorful inaugural. Governor Terry Sanford will bring greetings from the State of North Carolina.

Tentative plans call for the service to be held on the campus in front of the James E. Shepard Memorial Library. Services will be shifted to McDougald Gymnasium in case of rain. The inauguration itself will climax three activity-packed days of celebration bringing to the NCC campus such distinguished educators as Dr. James Madison Nabrit, president of Howard University; Dr. G. Lamar Harrison, former president of Langston University in Oklahoma and now professor of education at Chicago Teachers College; and Dr. Henry Gilman, Honorary Fellow of the Chemical Society of London and Distinguished Professor of Chemistry at the Iowa State University, Ames.

Dr. Massie succeeded Dr. Alfonso Elder, who retired on September 1 after leading the college to unprecedented academic heights during his tenure of office that started in 1948. Dr. Elder became second president of NCC after the death of Dr. James E. Shepard, founder, in October, 1947.

Planning for the inauguration festivities was done by a campus trustee committee with Trustees M. Hugh Thompson of Durham and Dr. John R. Larkins of Ral-

leigh serving as liaison with campus chairman Dr. Helen G. Edmonds, professor of history and chairman of the Department of History. Participation of virtually every faculty and staff member in the far-flung planning promises to make the event one of the most significant in NCC history. Students and alumni in large numbers are expected to overflow the immediate inaugural area.

Inaugural activities begin formally on Thursday with a student buffet followed by a drama-dance program in Duke Auditorium.

Friday evening's activities include a faculty-staff inaugural banquet followed by a special concert sponsored by the college choir. Dr. Harrison will be the banquet speaker.

Dr. Nabrit will deliver an address at the inaugural luncheon on Saturday.

President Massie's inaugural address will follow an address by Professor Gilman on Saturday. At this ceremony Dr. Massie will receive the symbols of office.

In addition to greetings from Governor Sanford in behalf of the State, greetings Saturday will also be extended by Durham Mayor R. Wensell Grabarek and Dr. William C. Archie, director of the North Carolina Board of Higher Education.

Dr. Harrison holds earned degrees from Howard University (A.B.), the University of Cincinnati (B.E. and A. M.) and Ohio State University (Ph.D.). The University of Liberia awarded him an honorary D.C.L. degree in 1956. He served for a time with UNESCO and he holds membership in dozens of civic and educational organizations.

The Liberian Government knighted the former Langston University president in 1955 upon the instruction of Liberian President W.V.S. Tubman.

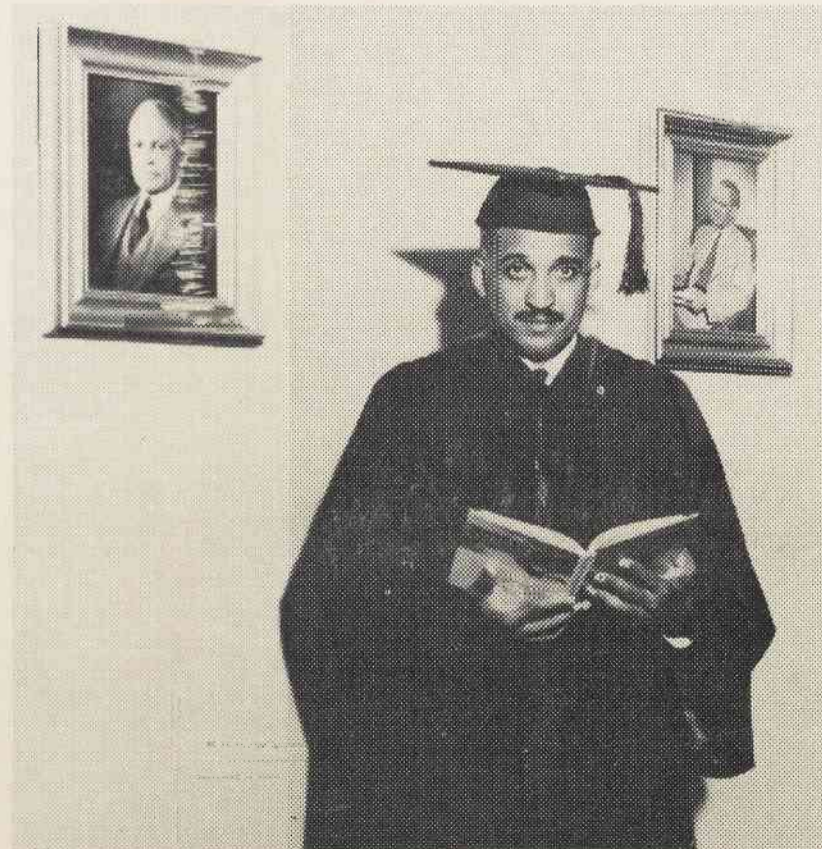
Dr. Harrison served as a professor and administrator at Virginia State College, West Virginia State College and dean at Prairie View State College, Texas, before becoming president of Langston in 1939.

Oklahoma regents conferred numerous honors on Dr. Harrison. The present Langston University library is named for him.

President Nabrit is one of the top U. S. civil rights lawyers. He graduated with honors from Morehouse College and later received the J.D. degree from Northwestern University with honors (member of the Order of the Coif) and member of the editorial board of the *Illinois Law Review*. He has been the recipient of honorary degrees from Morehouse College, Lincoln University (Pa.), Bates College, and Georgetown University.

His career in public service is one of the nation's most notable. He has been adviser to U. S. Presidents and representative of numerous federal commissions and boards. In

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PRESIDENT SAMUEL P. MASSIE is shown here in the Board of Directors Room with photographs of the late Dr. James E. Shepard, NCC founder, left, and Dr. Alfonso Elder, who served as NCC's president from 1948 until his retirement last August 1, right.