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Coltrane Dedication Keynote

Mr. D. S. Coltrane, Administrative Assistant to the Governor, was the keynote speaker at the Dedication Service of Mecklenburg College. Mr. Coltrane, substituting for the ailing Honorable Terry Sanford, Governor of North Carolina, delivered a speech prepared by Mr. Sanford. He challenged the recipients of the offerings at the new physical plant of Mecklenburg College to accept fully the demands of modern-day quality education.

The dedication represented a milestone in the college's history after a twelve year struggle as a night school operating in the Second Ward High School building of Charlotte.

The new plant enables the college to offer both day and evening classes, the opportunity to expand the course offerings, and the development of an independent school philosophy and personality.

The Presiding Officer for the entire program was Mr. J. Murrey Atkins, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Charlotte Community College System. "Greetings" were extended by Dr. William C. Archie, Director, North Carolina State Board of Higher Education; Mr. Stanford R. Brookshire, Mayor of the City of Charlotte; Dr. Elmer H. Garinger, (then) Superintendent of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Public Schools; and Mr. Isaac Rhyne, President, Mecklenburg College Alumni Association.

Among the platform guests were Mr. John Paul Lucas, Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Charlotte Community College System; the Reverend W. A. Wilkins, Rector, Church of St. Michael and All Angels; and the Reverend Archie C. Bell, Pastor, Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church, both of Charlotte. Music was under the direction of Mr. William Lindsay, the College Choir Director.

Christine McNair.

Yvonne McKay Elected Miss M. C.

Yvonne McKay, 1960 graduate of Long High School, Cheraw, South Carolina, was elected Miss MC for 1962-63. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McKay of 2409-B Double Oaks Road, Charlotte, North Carolina, and has been joined at MC by her sister, Cleo.

The College Queen, Miss McKay, represented the college in the J. C. Smith University homecoming parade.

The Queen and her attendants were strikingly attired in the school colors. Miss McKay is majoring in secretarial science and plans to become an executive secretary.

A DREAM REALIZED — THE NEW MECKLENBURG COLLEGE



After thirteen years in the Second Ward High School building, students, faculty, staff, alumni, trustees, and friends are immeasurably proud and happy to occupy these new premises, which include an academic building and combination administration-library building.

Those of us who study and plan here are projecting into the future and can clearly see A GREATER MECKLENBURG COLLEGE.

Orientation Week

By Christine McNair

Greetings to the Student Body:

It is with heartfelt sincerity that I take this opportunity to welcome you to the open doors of Mecklenburg College. May you find here enthusiasm, enlightenment and fortitude, as we seek to prepare the citizens of Charlotte, Mecklenburg and neighboring communities to embark upon the challenges of our rapidly changing world.

Mecklenburg College has made great strides in the past and its progress continues to increase in serving those who strive to become prepared to meet the tasks confronting them. This, your institution, endeavors to prepare and serve you; and we solicit your willingness to accept, absorb, and support the institution for the growth of all.

With kindest wishes and a strong desire to uphold the objectives of a growing institution of higher learning.

We, the students, at Mecklenburg College are very happy to have you become a part of us, and to share with us our glorious experiences. The orientation committee has been organized to serve you in any way possible during your freshman year. We are sure that getting acquainted

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Six Instructors Added to Mecklenburg Faculty

By Priscilla Pettice

With the beginning of the fall semester, six new instructors joined the Mecklenburg College faculty. They are Mrs. Mary C. Flowe, Mrs. Ruth Gaddy, Dr. William L. Jamison, Mr. Hoyle H. Martin, Miss Mertye Rice and Mr. Santiago Vilas.

Mrs. Mary C. Flowe, English and speech instructor, is a native of Charlotte, North Carolina. She received her A.B. from Johnson C. Smith University and the M.A. from New York University. She has also attended Howard and Columbia Universities. Before coming to Mecklenburg, she was Assistant Librarian at Johnson C. Smith University. Her hobbies are reading, solving puzzles, and sewing. During an interview with this writer Mrs. Flowe indicated that she has been impressed by the "closeness" that exists between the director, faculty, staff, and students in striving for a common purpose—a greater Mecklenburg College.

Miss Ruth Gaddy, Instructor of Psychology is also a native Charlottean. She received her A.B. from Johnson C. Smith

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Mecklenburg Alumni Reorganize

The Mecklenburg College Alumni Association held its initial reorganizational meeting on the MC campus.

J. F. Samuel and Aaron Reid were elected president and vice-president respectively. Officers elected at the meeting were: Mrs. Mary Maxwell, re-elected as Recording Secretary; Mrs. Lillie Wall, Corresponding Secretary; and James Anderson, Treasurer.

Mr. Samuel led a discussion on the association's proposed aims and objectives; among these are: scholarships for prospective students, college-alumni job placement services, assistance to the college in the recruitment of students, and the promoting of an annual Alumni Awards Day.

Hoyle H. Martin, Public relations officer of the college, gave "greetings" on behalf of the faculty and administration and pledged the college to work cooperatively with the alumni association and its endeavors.

To further the re-organization efforts of the association, a meeting was held on Sunday, November 25, at 4:30 p.m., on the Mecklenburg College campus. At this meeting the following was undertaken: plans for the association's activities for 1963, and the election of a constitution, program, and publicity committee.

Opening Convocation

By Dorothy Kerns

Mecklenburg College held its 14th Annual Convocation on September 21, 1962, in the new school library, with about 200 students and faculty members attending. The Reverend Walter Rorie represented the college alumni association. Reverend Rorie told the students, "You have a great opportunity here. Do your best. It can be done, so why not do it?"

Mr. J. F. Alexander, Director of the College introduced the main speaker of the evening, Mr. Oliver R. Rowe, Trustee of the Charlotte Community College System.

Mr. Rowe told the students, "This is a great day for Mecklenburg College. After having classes for 13 years in the Second Ward High School building, we have now started the 14th year on our own new campus."

He further stated that the number of college students is increasing rapidly. The existing colleges cannot possibly take care of the tidal wave of students expected in the next five years. We cannot build colleges fast enough to take care of them. He also said, "Last year 4,000 qualified applicants were denied; this year the number is greater. Every freshman who gained entrance into college this year is just plain lucky."

He stated that Mecklenburg College is destined to develop into one of the largest and best community colleges in the state; there are people who really need and want the special educational services offered by a community college.

Mr. Rowe told the students to take their work seriously and to take advantage of this opportunity to improve themselves in order to become successful people.

Morrison Speaks To Student Body

Mrs. Roberta Harris Morrison, president of the Mecklenburg College Student Council delivered the keynote address at the Annual Student Council Assembly.

Mrs. Morrison is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard James Harris, Sr., of Statesville, North Carolina, and the wife of Donald Richard Morrison of Charlotte, North Carolina, who is also a student at Mecklenburg College. She is a graduate of Morningside High School in Statesville, North Carolina, and is now a sophomore at Mecklenburg College. She plans to transfer to Barber-Scotia College in Concord, North Carolina, after graduating from Mecklenburg,

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