# Twentieth Annual Homemaking Institute Held at Bennett Coll.

## Six Negro Business Women Speakers at Annual Bennett Homemakers Institute

Greensboro — Dramatic examples of vocational opportunities open for young Negro women were given recently at Bennett College as six Negro women who are engaged in unusual careers spoke on the campus during the twentieth annual Homemaking institute. In addition to the usual appearances numerous luncheons, teas, banquets and small group meetings were held with interested students.

The inspiring story of the rise from a million dollar business from twenty-five dollars in capital was told by Mrs. Sara Spencer Washington of the Apex Company. Today 45,000 agents sell the seventy-five products manufactured by her concern in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Apex products are sold all over the world, she declared.

Mrs. Robert L. Vann, treasurer of the Pittsburgh Courier, Pittsburgh, Pa., spent the week on the campus holding several conferences with students and participating in panel discussions.

She recalled during her talks the early days of the Courier which the late Robert L. Vann helped get its charter and which last week, reached a press run of 300,000 copies. She admonished the students to value integrity and be willing to give a full day's work.

An apostle of the sweeter things in life, Mrs. Gertrude Anderson, candy manufacturer, Birmingham, Ala., described her unique candy business which serves more than 400 wholesale customers in her vicinity.

She outlined some of the major decisions which had to be made as she started her small business in the kitchen of her home and now has several times outgrown its enlarged quarters.

Mrs. Annie M. Vann Reid, florist of Darlington, S. C. told of a thriving business she operates with about ninety per cent white trade. Her business, she said, grew out of the need she observed in her city many years ago and started with her cultivation of flowers in the yard.

Mrs. Reid reported a large volume of business in the sale of vegetable plants. She has given instruction to at least fifteen white persons during her career.

A highly successful trucking business is operated in Scranton, Pa. by Mrs. George W. Brown who took over the direction of the firm at the death of her husband. Her equipment includes 25 trucks which have exclusive hauling contracts for the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company in that area.

Mrs. Bertha J. Diggs, secretary of labor in the state of New York, in an address to the institute mirrored the opportunities available in labor relations for young women who would serve.

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## Raleigh Personals

BY "PETE" WILDER

Please send in all news for this column by Monday night. Your cooperation in this matter will be highly appreciated. These items are entirely free.

Mrs. Gladys Thomason of Lexington was a delegate to the North Carolina Cosmetic Association which met at the Carolina Hotel on Sunday and Monday. Mrs. Thomason was the only Negro delegate. She is the former proprietress of Gladys Beauty Shop which was located in the Lunsford Rogers building in the downtown section and catered to white trade. The business, along with most of Lexington's business district was destroyed by fire on the 6th of December, 1945. She is now working in another white shop while making plans to rebuild her business. While in the city she was the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Williams of Oberlin Road.

Miss Helena S. Jenkins, formerly of Wilmington, now of 220 E. Davie St., has returned to the city after undergoing an operation. Miss Jenkins is a former student of New York Business School and Shaw University. She plans to resume her studies at Shaw next semester.

Mr. Paul Stancil, formerly of Apex, was called to this city on account of the death of his mother, Mrs. Lou Stancil.

Esther Gray, of Washington, D.C., is in the city visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Maggie Gray, of Wilmington St.

Mrs. Hannah Plummer, Smith St., is still confined to her home with illness.

Mrs. Carrie Hicks, 129 Smith St., is reported ill at her home.

Mr. Stanford Jones, Sr., remains on the sick list at her home, Smith Street.

Mr. Haley Edmonds, Insurance Agent of the N. C. Mutual Life Ins. Co. is out again to the delight of his many friends.

Rev. J. D. Davis, pastor of St. Paul's Church, left the city, Wednesday for Pittsboro, N.C. where the Raleigh District Conference is in session.

Carol Jean Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Hall, 1809 Scott Drive, celebrated her 3rd birthday, March 18, entertaining her friends at a birthday party. The party was given at the home of Mrs. F. J. Carnage, East Martin St. Miss Irene Price conducted games. Mesdames Inez Peebles, Rosa Perry and H. L. Hall were the hostesses.

The Helping Hand Club met at the home of Miss Haloise Harris, 503 Smith St., Wednesday night. A program directed by Mrs. Iven Riddick and a birthday party for the members, whose birthday come in March, were the highlights of the evening. Miss Mamie S. Hicks is president.

Miss Vivian Woods of Wake Forest was married on March 17 to Mr. Ira Belle of Raleigh at the home of the bride. Rev. Suitt of Louisburg performed the ceremony.

Sgt. Boykins was the week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Davis of S. Harrington Street en route to his home in Clinton, N.C. He was a former student of Shaw University.

Mrs. Ollie Golston of Portsmouth, Ohio, was in the city last week on business.

The Booker T. Washington club met at the home of Mrs. Mary Williams on Lenoir St., last Sunday. After the meeting a delicious repast was served by the joint hostesses Mrs. Ada White and Mrs. Mary Williams. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Harriet Boykins on E. Lenoir Street. Mr. John Chavis is president of the club.

Mr. W. H. Gordon, well known chef of Raleigh, was in the city for a few days this week visiting his family. Mr. Gordon is chef at the Hotel Francis Scott Key in Frederick, Maryland. He left on Tuesday night.

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## Chavis Heights

By MAY L. BROADIE

Miss Hester Ferrell of 4 Chavis Way has returned home from St. Agnes Hospital where she has been a patient for 3 weeks.

Master Otha Pretty, Jr. of 8 Granville Terrace is a patient in St. Agnes Hospital.

Mrs. Effie Dailey of 21 Smith Plaza was honored with a party at Apex where she visited relatives and friends. She has returned.

The wedding of Mr. D. L. Darks, Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Darks, Sr. of 23 Lincoln Terrace has been announced.

Miss "Hayes-Fleming" Is Crowned — Miss Christine Watson, sophomore of Clayton, was crowned "Miss Hayes-Fleming" at a social held in Estey Hall of Shaw University recently. Miss Watson, who sold the largest number of votes in the Hayes-Fleming popularity contest, received the crown and the title from Mrs. M. E. Sims, president of the organization. The queen is pictured above with three other contestants. From left to right, they are, Miss Joylette Richmond, freshman, Milton; Miss Henriquetta Adams, senior, New York; Miss Watson; and Miss Audrey Vinson, sophomore, Portsmouth, Virginia. (Photo by Wallace)

## OBERLIN NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Williams have returned to Washington, D. C. after attending the funeral of Mrs. Williams' brother, Mr. Thomas Higgs.

Mrs. John Mitchell of Pittsburgh, Pa., was in the city recently to attend the funeral of her uncle, Mr. Higgs.

Mrs. Euberta Slocum and son, Bernard III, of New York visited in the city recently.

Mrs. Elsie Dranom and daughter visited in Fair Bluff last week.

Mr. William Lunsford and Miss Lillie B. Hunter were united in marriage on March 17, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Morgan. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lunsford.

On Monday night the Ladies Auxiliary met with Mrs. Rosa Kelly.

The Triangle Club met with Mrs. Gertrude Webb on Tuesday night. After a short business session the members presented birthday gifts to Mrs. Catherine Malone and Mrs. Gertrude Webb, whose birthdays occurred in this month. After presenting the gifts, the members of the club were ushered into the dining room where a six course dinner was served in buffet style.

**Oberlin School News**

During the assembly period last Friday, the devotional hour was led by Dr. W. J. Cameron, after which an address was made by Dr. A. R. Howard. Dr. Howard represents the Board of Temperance of the USA. In a brief address, Dr. Howard stated that the task of building the world is much harder than destroying it. After relating the story about "The Spider and the Fly," he challenged every student to do his best in helping to build a christian world, by not being attracted to certain things. He concluded his remarks by telling the students to look out for the spider webs of life.

Dr. Howard was invited to the seventh grade room to give a special talk to the boys and girls of the sixth and seventh grades. He gave an interesting talk in reference to temperance.

On Friday morning during assembly, the sixth graders will recite some of their original poems about Spring. These poems are the results of an English lesson. The poems were written by the following pupils: Barbara Moore, Doris Foster, Eunice Harris and Clarence Curtis.

The second graders are preparing drawings that represent signs of Spring.

Dr. Flemming, the dentist, was at our school last week. The following seventh grade students have perfect teeth: Larena Morgan, Dorothy Jeffries, Elizabeth Hinton, Helen Weston, Thelma Shepard and Everett Gill. Dr. Flemming told the pupils how to keep healthy teeth.

The Six Brown Babies of the Oberlin School rendered two numbers at the Washington School PTA program on March 18th.

Oberlin Brownies were very glad to have Mrs. A. P. Chippey to visit them in their meeting last week. She taught many interesting games and also made plans for making baskets out of pine needles.

Bessie Hunter made a delicious cake for her mother's birthday. She and Richard Martin shared some of their mother's birthday cake with their teacher.


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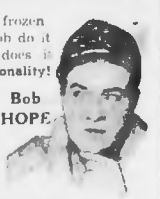
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