

## Dr. Alvin Eurich Delivers Bennett's "Finals" Talk

GREENSBORO — "If America is to retain its present position as a world power and meet the new challenge which the Russians have supplied, we must examine critically some of the forces which brought it to pass and find ways of applying them to the future," Dr. Alvin C. Eurich, of New York City, declared in his commencement address at Bennett on Monday morning.

Dr. Eurich, who is vice president of the Fund for the Advancement of Education and one of the nation's outstanding educational psychologists, spoke on "America's Genius" just before the 83 members of the 1958 graduating class had degrees conferred.

"If we believe in the motto of 'genius,' he declared, 'we must now broaden our thinking to recognize that other ideas which we do not personally hold may have the same motivating force to other peoples in other countries, such as Russia and China.'

It is important, the speaker stated, to raise questions about our values and to ask ourselves whether or not we are working as hard as our founding fathers for the provisions of the constitution and the Bill of Rights, or whether we have substituted materialism for those ideals.

He explained that Americans

usually think of the Russian people as oppressed, impoverished and miserable, but "by their standards, the Russians are no more oppressed and no less free than we are."

Calling attention to the fact that "our ancestors were courageous and creative because they had extravagant objectives," Dr. Eurich said that the time has come "to reactivate the genius of America." He pointed out that while America has made remarkable technological and scientific advances in farming and its allied fields, "we have had somewhat greater difficulty in raising efficiency in the professions and services."

Russia, said Dr. Eurich, has won its goals by a clarity of objectives—military, political, economic, social, educational and scientific and by a total mobilization of available resources to achieve them.

"Where the Russians are looking forward and devising new ways to achieve their aims, we are looking backwards," Dr. Eurich continued, "trying to catch up with goals or in devising ways to gain them."

"We now pay our highest salaries to the heads of large corporations, and to entertainers such as movie stars, athletes and Elvis Presleys, all of whom have substantially higher incomes than our teachers, our scientists or the men who govern our country. In Russia, teachers and scientists rank only under high party officials and heads of large plants in salary and prestige."

To the graduates, he said specifically, "You have had the opportunity at Bennett that our educational system represents. Can you now apply what you have learned to formulate new goals worthy of the American heritage, and to devise ways of attaining them?"

Another highlight of the commencement program was the presentation by Bennett of a citation to Ben L. Smith, retiring superintendent of Greensboro public schools in recognition of "his 22 years of educational statesmanship and his particular contributions in the field of human relationships."

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**GETS BARS** — Thurman Ballard, Scotland Neck, retiring commander of the Joint-Air Force and Army ROTC Group at AAT College, was commissioned second lieutenant in the Air Force following his graduation at the college last Monday. He has his bars pinned on by attractive Yvonne Brown, Yanceyville, a coed friend from North Carolina College, Durham.

## 113 Seniors Recieve Degrees At J. C. Smith Commencement

CHARLOTTE — Johnson C. Smith University awarded one hundred and eight bachelor's degrees and five honorary degrees during its 1958 commencement exercises which ended Monday.

The Rev. Herman L. Turner, pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., Atlanta, Georgia, in his commencement address, urged the graduating classes to "rise up and build."

Dr. Turner told the class of 1958 that they were called upon to "live in a world of action—undergirded with moral and spiritual values." He referred to "our age of power." It has been pointed out, he said that "we are terribly intelligent, but not wise; we have knowledge but we do not know how to live and work together; we have power, but we do not know how to use it; we have everything to live with but we do not know what we are living for."

The co-author of the Atlanta Manifesto on the subject of Desegregation, urged graduates to make a clear choice of the road

they wish to follow with "a daring faith in God, a burning love for mankind; mobility, flexibility, adaptability; positive and creative living; tremendous energy."

Dr. Arthur Raymond McKay, president of McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill., delivered the Baccalaureate Service Sunday, June 1.

Honorary degrees were awarded to the following five persons: Charles E. Bomar, dentist and civic leader, East Orange, N. J.; Doctor of Science, Hervey Lee Turner, pastor, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Ga.; Doctor of Humane Letters, Joseph Albert Grimes, Dean of Men, J. C. Smith University, Doctor of Humane Letters, Julius Theodore Douglas, pastor of St. James Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, Doctor of Divinity, and Alfonso Wakefield Waddell, pastor of Cherry Street Presbyterian Church, High Point, Doctor of Divinity.

## Alphas To Picnic At Kerr Lake

Members of Phi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, their wives, children and sweethearts, will leave the city at 10:00 a. m. Saturday, June 14, by chartered bus for a day-long picnic at Kerr Lake.

Plans are being made to make full use of the time while there by engaging in such forms of recreation as fishing, boating, swimming, softball and other wholesome games.

The bus will load from the grounds of the new state building located on New Bern Avenue and Tarboro Road, J. W. Eaton is president of the Raleigh chapter. Members of the committee are Garrett Laws, Robert T. Young and Edward Hicks.

## Crack Store Detective

DETROIT (AP) — Maxwell Brown, one of Detroit's two downtown Negro store detectives, is always on the job.

Employed at Sam's Inc., Cut-Rate store for the past 15 years, in the loop of the city, Brown has earned a name like the Canadian Mounted Police. He always catches the thief who thinks he is getting away with the stolen loot, whether large or small.

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Brown is 54 years of age, a native of Topeka, Kansas and a bachelor.

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## Overflow Crowd Hears Cong. Diggs Address 76 Livingstone Graduates

SALISBURY — Seventy-six senior graduates and an overflow crowd of parents and friends were reminded recently that they must exert a great deal of "Individual Initiative" so as to play a strong role in fighting for improvements at home as well as in the global struggle between Communism and free governments.

The speaker was the Honorable Charles C. Diggs, Jr., Congressman, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

Speaking from the subject "Hungry for Heroes," Congressman Diggs said he believed there are "More frontiers to explore, more crusades to be waged than ever before in our country." Among the major problems within the United States, he cited job diversification, solution to racial problems, an expanding economy to include all groups and a constitutional initiative, specifically in the scientific exertion of individual area of voting so as to insure a free and a truly democratic America.

The speaker pointed out with a great deal of emphasis to the graduates particularly, that one of the tasks of those of us who have benefited from higher education is to take a positive and aggressive stand in behalf of the kind of government that is dedicated to and representative of all its citizens. The truly educated man or woman feels a personal responsibility for his heritage, a commitment to preserve

and maintain it and if his genius permits, to add something to it.

Thirteen students from the Salisbury Spencer locality were among the 76 graduates. Four of these graduating with honor were Walter Eugene Evans, Bachelor of Arts degree, Salisbury; Shirley Ann Johnson, Bachelor of Arts degree, Salisbury; Mrs. Farrell Harmon Thomas, Bachelor of Arts degree, Salisbury and Donald Lee Staton, Bachelor of Science degree, East Spencer, N. C.

The other graduates from this area were: Rev. Mack Brandon, Jr., Salisbury; James Walter Bridges, East Spencer; Jessie Daniel Corry, Jr., Salisbury; Mrs. Annie V. Morton Davis, Salisbury; Mrs. Marian Roberts Wiley, Salisbury; Shirley Mae Ervin, Salisbury; Joanne Marie Harley, Salisbury; Annie M. Leazer Pruitt, Salisbury; and Gertie Mae Trueblood, Easter, Spencer.

Four honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees were awarded to: Rev. Charles Earl Bourne, II, Pastor, Shreveburg Avenue A. M. E. Zion Church, Red Bank, N. J.; Rev. Clinton Ruben Coleman, Evans Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion Church, Fayetteville, N. C.; Rev. Ralph W. Gillette, Mount Hope A. M. E. Zion Church, White Plains, N. Y.; Rev. J. Benjamin Piere, Presiding Elder, Columbus District—Ohio Conference of the A. M. E. Zion Church, Columbus, Ohio.

Valedictorian Robert Gest, III of Haines City, Florida, Miss Shir-

ley Bell, Salutatorian, Lexington, N. C. and Tecumseh Xavier Graham (Food Theological Seminary Representative), Brooklyn, N. Y. were among the speakers.

Acting President J. H. Brackett presided and extended comments of welcome. Other platform guests included the trustees, President-elect S. E. Duncan, President Emeritus W. J. Trent, and Ambassador Daniel C. Chapman of Ghana West Africa, who was introduced by Bishop W. J. Walls, Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

The invocation was given by Bishop Slade and the benediction by Bishop Brown.

On Monday the General Alumni Association had its business and public meeting honoring the classes of 1928, 1933, 1944, 1948 and 1953. Officers were re-elected and an expanding alumni program was recommended and approved.

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