

State Normal Formally Notified Of Four-Year Course At Commencement

(By Navy Armstrong)
 FAYETTEVILLE, N. C. May 27.—107 graduates gracefully took leave of absence today from the historic halls of State Normal School as the Honorable J. M. Broughton of Raleigh exhorted them to choose worthy goals as life objectives at the fifty-ninth annual commencement held in the Smith College Chapel. Former Senator George McNeil, in presenting the speaker eulogized him for his achievements in the fields of law, politics, education and religion. Mr. Broughton held his audience in rapt attention as he outlined the futility of such inadequate goals as wealth and fame, and held up instead the value of lives that are dedicated, cultivated, animated and elevated. Immediately following the main speaker Dr. Seabrook presented

of the audience Dr. N. C. Newbold, Trustee and member of the State Board of Education who made formal announcement of the fact that Fayetteville State Normal had been raised to a full four-year college and that the college had been granted the authority to award grade "A" certificates and grant the Bachelor's Degree in Elementary education. This announcement brought prolonged and vigorous applause from all present and a number of this year's graduates signified their intention to return in September to pursue the third year course which is to be added at the opening of the new school term in the fall. An interesting feature of the exercises was the presentation by the class of 1937 of a painting of Charles W. Chestnut, former president of

State Normal, later became well-known as a novelist. Along with this gift the class also presented to President Sabrook a check for \$100 to purchase books by or concerning the life of Chestnut. Following the awarding of diplomas by H. L. Cook, Chairman of Board of Trustees, President Seabrook called attention to the gift by the State and Federal governments of the new library costing \$38,000, which is scheduled to be completed by July 1st. The last State legislature also voted to give the local college \$70,000 for the erection of a new girls' dormitory and \$10,000 for the renovation of the present boys dormitory. The work is to be started at a very early date.

For excellence in Home Economics Misses Hendricks and H.

gan were awarded the Mattie J. Chavis and Mayme Seabrook prizes. For excellence in scholarship, Miss Mamie Norris of Greenville was awarded the E. E. Smith prize and for purity of service Walter Alston received a beautiful loving cup made possible through the generous efforts of Lieutenant-Colonel G. A. O'Connell.

Norfolk Pastor Delivers Baccalaureate
 The Revend O. J. Allen, well-known minister of Norfolk, Va. delivered the fifty-ninth annual sermon to the graduates of State Normal School of Fayetteville. Reverend Allen who is a graduate of Johnson C. Smith University called the graduates attention to the necessity of aiming high in life and proceeded to show that by believing in the goodness of life and the faith in fellow men success would ultimately befall them.

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The class of '37 of Knoxville College, Knoxville, Tennessee, will don robes and mortar boards on June 8 and march to McMillan chapel, pictured above, from the steps of "Old Main" where they assembled a few days ago for an informal photo. (INSE) Reading the academic procession on this occasion will be Dean Hardy Liston and Dr. Samuel M. Laing. Dean Liston recently had the degree of Doctor of Pedagogy conferred upon him by Johnson C. Smith University. Dr. Laing will award the diploma to the members of the class.

VA. UNION TO HOLD GRADUATION JUNE 6

Class Day Observed Wednesday Monday following. A special feature of the Commencement program this year will be the Annual Class Day program in Co-burn Chapel last Wednesday, and a preliminary to the 34th Anniversary Commencement Activities.

Assignment for class day ceremonies were: Clyde McDaniel, Historian; Louise Bassette, Class Prophetess; Harvey N. Johnson, Giftarian; Wilhelmina Hughes, Will and Testament. The President's Annual Reception will take place on Friday, June 4th.

On Sunday, June 6, there will be a Baccalaureate Service in Co-burn Chapel on the University Campus at 3:00 P. M. The regular Alumni Meeting and Banquet is scheduled for the

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DOWN ON THE FARM

By Abe Crosby

Fishing trips are always happy events for the managers and me. As they grow older it seems that these trips become more happy because of the numerous plans. For days we'll meet at the end of the row, and for a moment, we get ready for a trip to the river bank.

As we plowed, harrowed and planted corn all week we planned our first fishing trip of the year. The season begins with us on April 15th so yesterday, we spent the day along the banks of our river. We failed to hit the time when Trout would bite so our catch was all of Hornyheads. I was glad our luck was such, for Hornyheads and boys have been classed together in fishing lore for a long time, and will be so long as Hornyheads are found.

I remember that father sometimes gave me a part of Saturday afternoon to go to Big Sandy—the creek running through the old farm from which I always came back with some fish. Hornyheads bite whether the moon is right or wrong.

The best boys I know—the best men I know—are good at their studies and plowing, or good at their business, fearless and stalwart, hated and feared by all that is wicked, incapable of being caught but tender to the weak and helpless. I have known these men and these boys to always enjoy a thrill in catching the Hornyheads.

I hope my boys will be able to plow a straight row or plead an honorable court case, should they take up that profession, but I never wish for them to grow up too much to enjoy hooking a fish, even though they may never become the elite of the fishing world.

We had a good rest last night and today have hit the furrows foul or shirked. They aren't quite high enough to reach the plow handles, but they'll soon be, so I just plow along while they help in other ways.

We Fight 'em Strenuously
 Perfect and speckless fruit doesn't just happen so. Fruit growers who seem to have a perfect genius for doing nothing, and doing it assiduously, never seem to be able to sell the best. The most of bad fruit from some idle moment. And these are not the do-nothing days for any fruit grower or gardener. On these do-much days we could make others absorb from us whatever we may have as an overplus.

A good sprayer with a long nozzle attachment, which can be readily brought into operation under the foliage of growing plants, is a very necessary weapon yet the use of it might break up a few moments of idleness and create a spell of back aches. But aphid, or plant-lice, are busy during May and can be subdued only by contact poisons. They feed mostly under the leaves which make for a tedious and awkward, back-bending operation.

Aphids and other insects must be fought strenuously these days, beginning the moment they are observed, spraying every other day until all signs of life has been destroyed. Preventive measures can save you much annoyance, for surely nothing is more provoking than to find a promising crop in the grasp of the enemy.

CHAPEL SYSTEM REKINDLE OLD ART

RICHMOND—Virginia Union University concluded last week a highly successful unit of work when the Chapel assembly programs came to an end last Friday morning. These chapel programs have tended to receive interest in the study and practice of public speaking at the University.

Under the present arrangement, two or more students are given the opportunity to appear before the student body each week to address the chapel assembly on subjects of their own choices.

So much interest has been shown in the student programs that the attendance of the chapel assembly has been maintained at a high level.

This interest coincides with the enthusiasm which has been manifested by the large number of students in the public speaking classes here.

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Virginia Union every year. It is felt that free student participation in chapel programs has done much to revive interest in oratory at the University.

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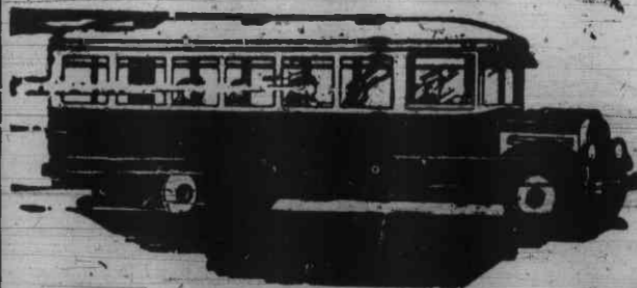
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