



TRY FOR SIZE—These nursing students at A. and T. College received top awards for outstanding performance at the annual capping exercises held last week at the

College. All sophomore students, who had completed basic requirements to begin clinical experiences in hospitals, they

are from left to right: Magnolia Lilly, Hertford; Constance Caldwell, Durham; Frostenia Maye, Dover; and Eula L. Foust, Burlington.



FOREIGN STUDENT DAY observance at Durham Business College brought these Foreign Students together to participate in a formal student assembly in observance

of this special day. During the program detailed information on the Cultural and Social customs of their native countries were given. Shown discussing the format of the

program is Frances Dean, Liberia, Jacob O. Omotoso, Nigeria, Stephen Jones and Benjamin Howard, both of Liberia.

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NCM Retirement Club Holds Monthly Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the North Carolina Mutual Retirement Club was held Thursday afternoon, May 25 in the dining room of the Harriett Tubman YWCA.

C. M. Palmer, President of the Club presided over the meeting and the following members were present:

Mesdames Nola Cox, Bessie Doby, Consuelo Foreman, Sophronia Green, Eula Harris, Fannie McLean and Charity Rivera.

Messrs. R. C. Foreman, C. C. Smith, Jr., James Strickland, and Wendell White.

President Palmer extended greetings to everyone and words of welcome to Mrs. Ora S. Lee, a visitor as the guest of Mrs. Fannie McLean.

The usual enjoyment of the Dinner Hour was very much in evidence while Mr. Palmer brought a number of important items to the attention of the Club; some for information; others for consideration and action as may be agreed upon at a later date. Palmer who is

still actively engaged in the insurance business keeps the group informed about N. C. Mutual Insurance Co. events and activities of a general interest to the retired employees.

Mr. and Mrs. Foreman heard friendly jests and received kind felicitations regarding the birth of a grandson, Everett Ronald Foreman, btm m ont Gordon Foreman, born to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Foreman, Jr., May 23 at Urbana, Illinois.

Mrs. Eula Harris made brief remarks with reference to her recent visit to New York where she attended the national meeting of the YWCA. Included in Mrs. Harris' remarks were certain highlights of the YW meeting and comments on the ordeal experienced by the national organization in its search for a consensus on vital social and religious questions and attitudes of the day.

Mrs. Harris also commented on numerous places of interest she visited while in New York. These included some of the

art museums where she found a new job and deep satisfaction in viewing the many art treasures on exhibit at the time. As one thing leads to another, the conversation shifted to art in North Carolina. Mr. Foreman made some interesting comments about the North Carolina Museum of Art, and promised that at some time in the near future he would take several members of the Retirement Club to visit our state museum in Raleigh.

Club members were requested to think about our annual picnic, usually held during the month of July, and to come to the June meeting with ideas or suggestions about the event. The June meeting will be held on the 22nd of the month at 1 P.M., Tubman YWCA.



By Mary Whitman

A long trip often inspires good stories.

The author of *Pais*, a book for youngsters from Whitman Publishing Company of Racine, Wisconsin, is Melissa Dow Funk. She travels with her mineral-collecting husband. Melissa published a poem at age 8 in Cleveland. A Californian now, she writes and tests stories on grandchildren. She also teaches school. A pupil who once heard her husband say, "Everything she knows I taught her," exclaimed, "Boy, he sure has taught you a lot!" But, she adds, children have taught her too.

Asia is the new inspiration of another California author. Alice Means Reeve and her husband just visited their children in Burma. Story ideas galore came on the trip. "An elephant working in the teak, big black water buffaloes cooling off in streams — all were things I hope to put into books," Alice says. One of her recent animal stories, domestic variety, appears in a Tween-Age book from Whitman Publishing Company called *That's Our Cleo*.

Jean Fiedler, who lives on the East Coast, found story inspiration in Mexico last year. Jean wrote at age 11 and had a kitten story printed in a Pittsburgh paper. Later she did social work, wrote for a store, taught English. Today she tries out current writing on her artist-husband and young daughters. The author of fifteen books, her latest for Whitman is *My Special House*.

When your child buys a book, he's buying the work of wide-ranging authors. It often happens that children who want to write grow up to be writers of children's books. And they call it a long and rewarding trip.

Va. State Col. Awards 293 Degrees Mon.

PETERSBURG, V. — President Robert P. Daniel awarded degrees to 293 graduates of Virginia State College at the school's 82nd Commencement, Monday (May 29.)

Thirty-six persons received master's degrees, 46 two-year terminal certificates were awarded, and 211 were granted baccalaureate degrees.

Dr. T. Marshall Hahn, President of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, addressed the audience of nearly 1700 graduates, parents and friends.

Honorary degrees were given to Dr. Thomas H. Henderson, President of Virginia Union University; Dr. Herman R. Branson, Professor and Head of the Department of Physics at Howard University; and Dr. William Stuart Nelson, Vice President of Special Activities at Howard University. Maceo C. Martin, President of First State Bank, Danville, received the Certificate of Merit.



Local Births

The following births were reported to the Durham County Health Department during the week of May 22 through 27:

John and Margaret Cates, girl; James and Brenda Bumpass, girl.

HAPPY MOTORING DEALER

FOR 30 YEARS — Arthur J. Smith, right a Humble Oil and Refining Company dealer whose Esso station in Newark, N. J., is celebrating its 30th anniversary, chats about the many changes the three decades have brought with the top Esso marketer in his city, William J. Johnston III, Humble's Newark

district manager. Smith, who is active in the fund-raising campaigns of the Newark Boys Clubs, is also a 32nd Degree Mason and one of the founding members of the local chapter of Frontiers International. His present community activities include additional service as an advisor to Newark's Montgomery St. Industrial School.

He shares an enthusiasm for travel with his wife, with the result that they have been to all but two countries in South America and recently returned from a month's vacation in Mexico. Golf is another hobby. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have one son, Arthur, Jr., and three grandchildren. They live on Ninth Avenue in East Orange,

N.J., Mrs. Smith's home town. Her husband is native of nearby Harrison, N. J. The son helps his father run the business. To commemorate Mr. Smith's 30 years as an Esso dealer, Humble presented him a plaque, which now hangs on a wall in the office of his station.

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