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Vocational Teachers Close Meet At A&T

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Climaxing the five-day session of the Negro teachers of Vocational Agriculture Friday at A. and T. College, was the adoption of the report to conduct an annual Thanksgiving program for the Colored Orphanage of Oxford. In commenting on the report, Professor S. B. Simmons, Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture in Negro Schools, said, "We are happy to join with the benefactors of the institution, designed in the interest of needy children, in doing our share to help them. We hope that others will do likewise. The committee that drew up the recommendations was composed of J. B. Brown, Sanford; E. C. Setzer, Dunn; G. K. McKethan, Columbia; A. L. Scales, Southport; A. W. Jones, Roxboro, and M. M. Woodson, Concord.

T. J. Culler, Wake Forest, read a letter citing J. H. Higginbotham of the department of Horticulture, Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va., for his generous gift of Kale-Collard seeds, to be distributed for use among the Negro teachers of vocational agriculture throughout the state.

The conference adopted the resolution for the improvement of instructional methods and the evaluation of curricula, the study of methods of improving health standards and the consideration of post-war planning.

R. B. Winchester, Assistant Supervisor of the Food Production War Training Program, Raleigh, expressed his appreciation for the splendid manner in which these teachers have cooperated with the government in production and conservation of food commodities during our national emergency.

Announcement was made of the awarding of the second James H. Dillard memorial scholarship to Albert Spruill of Columbia. He plans to begin his career at A. and T. College, Greensboro, beginning with the fall term. The Southern Education Foundation, Inc., made the announcement. Spruill was recently voted the "most outstanding future farmer" by the New Farmers of America. The NFA is an organization designed to teach improved methods of farming to Negro boys and its program is supported jointly by the U. S. Office of Education and the North Carolina Department of Education.

Cited during the conference for twenty years of service in

Withers-Catchings Wedding Party



Miss Mae Withers and Mr. Maynard Catchings --- National "Y" Workers---Wed In Beautiful Ceremony

Miss Mae Withers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Withers of Greensboro, became the bride of L. Maynard Catchings, of Houston, Texas, in a ceremony of beauty and splendor, Friday evening, in the Annie Merner Pfeiffer chapel of Bennett College.

After the vows were spoken by the Reverend Mr. Herbert King, National YMCA executive of New York City, Mr. and Mrs. Catchings and their guests were entertained with a reception at the home of the bride's parents.

Given away by her father, the bride had her sister, Miss Bettye Withers, for maid of honor, and was attended by Miss Daisy Portee, bridesmaid, of High Point.

The bride was radiantly lovely in her bridal gown of white taffeta with inserts of lace with round neckline and long fitted sleeves, and swept into a long train. Her short fingertip veil of tulle, fell in graceful folds from a coronet of tulle fastened by orange blossoms. About her throat she wore a lovely lavalier of pearls and blue sapphires, a gift of the groom. Both of her attendants wore white dresses of lace and taffeta.

Attending the bridegroom as best man was his brother, Dr. James Catchings, of Houston, Texas. The ushers were Mr. Matthew Carter, YMCA Secretary, Richmond, Va., Miss Beulah Rowland, of Durham, and Dr. Frederic A. Jackson of this city.

The music and setting were beautiful parts of the wedding.

The long maroon-carpeted center aisle, flanked by its brown-trimmed ivory pews led up a short flight of stairs, neatly hemmed in on both sides with ferns, to the altar, decked with banks of palm and fern against which baskets of white gladioli were placed in light of seven branch candelabra.

Into the setting, the bride,



MISS LUCILLE REAVES

LITERARY PROGRAM AT WARREN STREET METHODIST CHURCH

Miss Lucille Reaves of 1916 Oakland Avenue, sponsored a literary program and banquet at Warren Street Methodist church, Friday, July 21 at 8:30 p.m. Music was furnished by the Terra Cotta Community Gospel chorus and the Moorehead quartette. A large crowd was present and was served in the basement of the church, (Continued On Page Seven)

carrying a prayer book, and her attendants marched, as Mrs. Eloise Miller Simpson sounded the traditional Lohengrin music. Mrs. Simpson, who is instructor of piano at Livingstone College, Salisbury, also played the organ prelude and accompanied Miss Gloria Houston, of Greensboro, who sang "O Promise Me." After the benediction, the triumphant organ strains of Mendelssohn's march carried the bridal party from the chapel.

The bride, born in Greensboro, was graduated from Bennett College and later studied at the Atlanta School of Social Case Work, where she received the Master's degree. She has done further graduate study at Columbia University. She was, until her marriage, National Y. W. C. A. Secretary, National Student Council, with headquarters in New York City. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority.

The bridegroom is a native of Houston, Texas. After his graduation from Prairie View State College, Texas, he attended Howard University from whence he received a bachelors degree in divinity and a master's degree in Philosophy. He is at present National YMCA Secretary, National Student Council, with headquarters at Atlanta, Ga.

Out-of-town guests included: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Catchings of Houston, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Yokeley, High Point; Mrs. Mamie J. Rhodes, Augusta, Ga.; Mrs. Ida Mitchell, Sylvania, Ga.; Mrs. David Deans, Mrs. Josephine Gordon, Mrs. Marie Brown and Mrs. Edna

American Legion Starts Annual Member Drive

The Maceo T. Alston Post of the American Legion launched its annual membership drive Thursday evening, July 20, at the Hayes-Taylor Memorial Y. M. C. A. Memorial building on East Market street. Forty-seven new and renewal applicants were realized at the initial meeting.

"Veterans of World Wars I and II who have honorable discharges are welcomed into our organization," declared Charles J. Parrish, Post Adjutant.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Post has also begun its annual campaign. Membership into this body is open to mothers, wives, daughters and sisters of members of the American Legion, and to those who are eligible in their own right.

Officers of the Legion are: Charles J. Parrish, Adjutant; Thomas Todd, finance officer, and Pleas Gray, Post Commander.

For the Ladies Auxiliary: Mrs. Robert Campbell, president; Mrs. Thomas Todd, secretary, and Mrs. Sam Weathers, treasurer.

The next meeting for groups will be held at the same place on Wednesday evening, August 2, at 8 o'clock.

LT. A. L. THOMPSON FIRST NEGRO COMMISSIONED IN NAVAL SCHOOL

GREAT LAKES, Ill. — July 22 — Lt. (jg) Arthur Lee Thompson, 28, of 1873 West Grand Boulevard, Detroit, Mich., the first Negro to be commissioned in the Medical Corps, of the United States Naval Reserve, reported to U. S. Naval Training Center at Great Lakes, Illinois for duty July 20, 1944. He was sworn in July 12, 1944, in Detroit, Michigan.

The newly commissioned officer attended Fisk University and received his medical degree from Meharry Medical College in 1942. On graduating from Meharry, Lt. (jg) Thompson received an award for the most outstanding student in surgery and was an honor graduate. He served his internship in the Hubbard Hospital, Nashville, Tenn., and specialized in pediatrics for nine months while a resident physician.

Lt. (jg) Thompson married the former Lucille Greenlea of Rochester, N. Y. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Thompson of the above address in Detroit. He is a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

Coles, Richmond, Va., Mrs. Shephard, and Mrs. Evangeline Vital, Durham.