

## White Becomes Seventh President

### Comes Here With Wide Background

Another major milestone in the 22-year history of Atlantic Christian College was marked last week. In elaborate ceremonies on April 30 Dr. Travis Alden White, 45, was officially inaugurated as the president of the college. Atlantic Christian, a four-year co-educational college, was established by the Christian Churches of North Carolina in 1902. Dr. White became its seventh president.

Already Dr. White is well known to many North Carolinians. He has used the eight months he has been in the state to the best advantage, having traveled extensively since he arrived on the campus last August 1.

#### From Texas

The new ACC president came to North Carolina from Lubbock, Texas, where he was the popular minister of the First Christian Church, and where the Lubbock newspaper had acclaimed him as the city's "number one civic worker". He was no stranger to many North Carolina ministers who were acquainted with him as a nationally known youth worker.

"That's what I like most about my job as a college president," Dr. White says. "It has given me a rare opportunity to watch the cultural development of youth at close range."

Travis White is a native of Louisiana having been born at Hammond, the son of a carpenter, and reared in Shreveport, where he graduated from Byrd High School.

#### TCU

It was in 1927 that he was ordained as a minister of the Disciples of Christ. He went to college at Texas Christian University, receiving both his A.B. and B.D. degrees there.

In the years that followed his college career, he has filled the pulpits of many churches. They include Memorial Christian Church, Dallas, Texas, First Christian Church, Paris, Texas, and the First Christian Church of Little Rock, Ark., the church he left in 1948 to go to Lubbock.

During those years in the pastorate Dr. White became a leader in work with young people. He has served on many national committees concerned with young people's training.

#### Well Timed

Dr. White's inauguration was well timed. It comes at a period when Atlantic Christian is just starting a new building program designed to add eight buildings on the campus during the next few years. Most of the ground work for this expansion program has been carried out by Dr. White since his arrival on the campus last August. It has included the raising of more than \$100,000 for the college building fund since that time.

The Lubbock minister succeeds Dr. D. Ray Lindley, who resigned as president of ACC last summer to accept the post of vice-president of Texas Christian University.

During his ministry, Dr. White also found time to continue his educational training, doing graduate study at the University of Chicago and Union Theological Seminary.

In 1949, he was honored by his Alma Mater, TCU, when the University conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

### Gill Heads Marshals

Dean James Moudy has announced the appointment of Marshals for the coming year here at the college beginning with Commencement in June.

The seven students appointed were honored on the basis of their scholastic standing. Named Chief Marshal was Suzanne Gill, a member of the junior class from Wilson.

Junior class marshals named were Connie Davis of Wilson and James Hemby of Ayden.

Marshals from the sophomore class are Peggy Ward of Rocky Mount and Kenneth Lamm of Wilson.

The two freshman class marshals named are Ernestine Mazingo, Kenly, and James Matthews of Winston-Salem.

### Dr. White Receives Charge Of Duties



Dr. Travis White received his charge of duties as president of Atlantic Christian College in elaborate ceremonies on the front campus of the college Friday, April 30. Shown above presenting him with the charge is Dr. Harlie L. Smith, center, president of the Board of Higher Education of the Disciples of Christ. Seated at left is the Rev. Ira Langston, who presided at the ceremonies and will return to the campus in June to be the principal speaker at the college's commencement program.

### Balmy Weather For Perfect Day

Newspaper reporters aren't supposed to get too poetic, but after the beautiful spring morning of April 30 dawned, as if made to order by Joe Overman, your reporter was put into a poetic mood for the rest of the day and there was nothing during the day ever to destroy that mood.

Dr. White himself helped maintain that mood. His inauguration speech constantly revealed well-thought out language and deeply considered thought. His attention to the symbolism of man was particularly appropriate. "There are times," Dr. White said, "when a man is allowed to be a symbol of something greater than himself. He may be an instrument, a symbol, or a servant, possibly a combination of all three. Certainly an occasion such as this will be little more than hollow mockery if the recipient does not face up to the responsibility entrusted."

#### Guide Posts

In his half-hour address, the new president spent the major part of his time outlining specific objectives which are to be established as guide posts for achievement. He pointed out that at times it will be necessary to re-evaluate those objectives and strengthen them in the light of new truth and new responsibility.

"It is obvious with our very great need and many unfinished tasks," Dr. White said, "There must come eventually a long-range program of college development. Any effort toward the announcement of such a program at this point would be premature. For such can come only out of long and patient effort to evaluate the present program, our needs, and our ability to achieve."

#### Academic Procession

The opening academic procession went off in pomp and pageantry without a hitch, boosted by the college band's performance of the "Coronation March."

After a fitting invocation by Dr. Perry Case, the college's Mixed Chorus sang a stirring and uplifting "Te Deum" by Clokey.

The Rev. Ira Langston of New York City, a member of the college board of trustees, presided over the morning program with an assurance and ease that augur well for ACC's June Commencement program when the Rev. Langston will be the main speaker.

Dean James Moudy's quietly humorous attitude toward his job of introducing the distinguished delegates to the inauguration was a pleasant surprise to the delegates themselves, most of whom in previous years had sat patiently through more stringent tests of endurance of introductions.

#### Bring Greetings

Bringing special greetings during the morning were Dr. Carlyle Campbell, president of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools; Dr. Allen S. Hurlburt, assistant superintendent of the North Carolina State Department of Education; Dr. Gaines M. Cook, executive secretary of the International Convention of Disciples of Christ; and Dr. Harlie L. Smith, president of the Board of Higher Education of the Disciples of Christ, who also presented the charge to the new president.

The second major address of Inauguration Day was delivered at the one o'clock luncheon for official delegates in Bert Hardy Dining Hall. Congressman Brooks Hays of Arkansas, speaking on the church-related college in relation to government, said: "There must be a bridge between the religious community and the governmental community. The church-related college must be that bridge."

### Junior-Senior Band

Jimmy Harris and his Combo have been contracted to supply the music for this year's Junior-Senior Prom.

The annual event will be held in the Cherry Hotel on May 14. Other details will be announced later this week, but it is rumored that the affair will be semi-formal.

ACC's Junior Class annually plays host to the Seniors. Officers of this year's Junior Class are: president, Eddie Johnson; vice-president, Jim Hebbe; secretary, Pat White; treasurer, Elena Lawler.

## New Program Planned For June Commencement

A new type of Commencement program to interest more alumni as well as seniors has been planned by officials of the college and leaders of the Alumni Association.

Dr. Travis A. White, President of ACC states, "This year Commencement will do two things: it will be the big moment for 53 ACC Seniors who will be receiving their degrees and it also will be a big event for our former students, because this year in addition to graduation we are having Alumni Day, so that students who once attended this college will get a chance to get back to the campus." Homecoming will still be continued in the fall.

The graduation events will begin at 8 p. m. on Saturday night, June 5, with the Faculty-Alumni reception in honor of the graduating seniors and their parents on the Harper Hall terrace. This will be followed by the Graduation Ball, also to be held on the terrace.

The Baccalaureate services are scheduled Sunday morning, June 6, in Wilson's new First Christian Church. The speaker will be Rev. Raymond L. Alexander, minister of the Washington (N. C.) Christian Church.

A family style picnic luncheon for alumni, seniors, and guests will be held on Sunday at 12:30. This will be followed by a

meeting of the college trustees at 2 p. m. on Sunday in the Hardy Library.

Another highlight of the day is slated at 3:30 p. m. At that time ground breaking ceremonies at the sites for a new science building and infirmary will be held.

The Atlantic Christian College band will present a concert on Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock on the front campus. The graduating ceremonies will follow at 5 p. m.

Mr. Langston and C. C. Ware, retired secretary of the North Carolina Christian Missionary Society, will receive honorary degrees at this program.

### Students Elect New Publication Officers

Mary Hodge and Richard Ziglar were elected as editors of campus publications for the coming year in the student elections on April 27. Business managers for the yearbook and newspaper will be Mollie Hester and Ashton Wiggs.

Pine Knot Editor Mary Hodge was also editor of her annual at Charles L. Coon High School. She was a member of the Keyette Club, Booster Club, Dramatics Club, and the National Honor Society.

Business Manager of the Pine Knot is Mollie Hester. She is active in church youth work, ACC's Mixed Ensemble and the Women's Ensemble. She is a transfer from East Carolina. In Greenville High School she was a member of the Honorary Society of "The Black Masquers" as well as in many other activities.

Collegiate editor Richard Ziglar is news editor of the Collegiate this year. He is active in church work, being a local and state officer. He works on campus with the Student Christian Association.

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### Jim Succeeds Jim

By ERNESTINE MOZINGO  
"Don't be a sucker. Vote for Hemby!"  
"Don't get stuck. Vote for Hemby!"

Even without the suckers and bubblegum Jim Hemby probably would have carried the April 20 election. By virtue of his overwhelming victory he will succeed another Jim — Peebles — into the office of President of the Student Co-operative Association, the highest elective position on campus.

Jim, who transferred from Carolina as a freshman, is taking preministerial courses here at ACC. After he completes his training he hopes to do graduate work at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas. He has held several important positions during his two years here including the editorship of *The Collegiate*, and is a member of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

It must be said that Hemby carried on a slick campaign — no promises to fulfill when he takes office. Even his campaign man-

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### Gill, Lawler, Lamm Fill Campus Offices

After preliminary voting on April 27 and a run-off April 28 the following students were elected to serve with president James Hemby on the Executive Board of the Co-operative Association at ACC. They are Suzanne Gill, vice president; Elena Lawler, secretary; and Kenneth Lamm, treasurer.

Suzanne Gill has been treasurer of the Student Co-operative Association this year and last fall was elected homecoming queen. Formerly treasurer of the Student Christian Association, she is a junior from Wilson.

Elena Lawler is treasurer of the Junior Class. Originally from Connecticut, her home is now in Camp Lejeune, where her father is chief surgeon. She is a transfer from Vanderbilt. Elena is in training for a nurse, but now plans to major in science. Reliable sources informed the COLLEGIATE'S reporter that the new secretary is pinned to William Draughn.

Kenneth Lamm is new to most students. He is an army veteran

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