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New Dormitory Corner Stone Is Laid



On Sunday afternoon, January 11, 1948, at 3:00 p. m., a memorable event occurred. The cornerstone for the new dormitory was laid, and the ground was broken for the new Student Union building. Mrs. Julius W. Cone, chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, presided at both ceremonies.

The first occasion was the laying of the cornerstone in the new dormitory. President Jones began the ceremony by officially declaring the purpose for the new dormitory. While speaking, President Jones took time out to acknowledge the presence of several of the men who were responsible for the erection of many of our present college buildings. Upon her introduction, Mrs. Cone took over the rest of the program. Before beginning, Mrs. Cone paid a poignant tribute to President Jones' sincere efforts to build Bennett into the best Negro woman's college in America. She said that "Jones" and "Bennett" are two words that have become so closely associated in the minds of many that it had become impossible to think of one without the other. The Litany for the laying of the cornerstone was read by Mrs. W. Raymond Brown, of East Aurora, N. Y. This was followed by a statement of the contents of the hermetically sealed box which was to be placed inside the cornerstone, by Mrs. Robert K. Gordon, of Dillon, S. C. Mrs. H. S. Metcalfe, of Pittsburgh, Pa., ended the first ceremony by the actual laying of the cornerstone.

When the first exercise was completed, the entire audience was di-

rected to the site of the new Student Union building for the breaking of the ground. There, after a second of the size and a purpose for the Student Union building by President Jones, The Litany of Dedication was led by Miss Jocelyn Blanchett, '48. Following the reading of the Litany, the ground was broken. The first to break the earth was Mrs. Robert K. Gordon on behalf of the trustees. Mr. Chauncey G. Winston broke the ground on behalf of the faculty, and Mrs. Fern Wood Kinney, '36, on behalf of the graduates. Miss Virginia Wagstaff officiated on behalf of the Student Senate and the classes were each represented by their presidents, Misses Jessal Holland, '48, Audrose Mackel, '49, Vira Kennedy, '50, and Dorothea Henderson, '51.

The prayer of dedication was led by Mrs. E. A. Woolever of New York, N. Y., after which the audience joined the choir in the singing of "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder." The benediction was given by Rev. R. D. Crockett.

There was much in the two ceremonies to be remembered, and it will live in the hearts of the participants and spectators for many years to come. The fact that only women were used in the actual ceremonies was particularly meaningful as it brought to mind that Bennett is a college for women. The grace with which each part of the ceremonies was conducted symbolized perfectly all that Bennett stands for: the Christian virtues in young women of humility, sincerity, and courage, the foundation of which is love.

Negro History Week To Be Celebrated

"The celebration of Negro History Week, beginning the 8th of February will offer an excellent opportunity for emphasizing the importance of Negro family history and records. The demonstration of the value of such history is now being driven home by the articles on Negro families appearing in the December 1947 issue of *The Negro History Bulletin*."

"Assemblies held by lodges, churches, and schools will bring together thousands of people who are seriously concerned with what the Negro has thought, felt, attempted and accomplished. The opportune moment for emphasizing the background and need of improvement of the Negro is during Negro History Week. Improvement should be the objective of all our history."

"Of all persons, Negro Writers should be careful about what they record as history. What is said to the credit of the Negro should be restricted altogether to be actually proved. Hearsay and rumor are not proof. The Negro public is now being overflowed with so much falsehood and exaggeration of the unimportant that it is difficult for history to secure a hearing."

Here on our campus instructors and students feel that Negro History Week is a serious matter through the interest shown in developing a Negro History Week Program. Being intently aware of Negro History Week among such a group will certainly produce a program which will cover all the important historical facts about the Negro. It is hoped that the program will give the students and faculty members a broader perspective and an appreciation for the contributions that Negroes have made to American Culture.

President of Storer College Addresses Students

Introducing the vesper programs for the coming year, on Sunday, January 4, was a stimulating address delivered by Dr. Richard I. McKinney, president of Storer College, Harpers Ferry, West Virginia.

"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." This verse taken from the 13th chapter of 1st Corinthians provided the theme for Dr. McKinney's speech. He emphasized the importance of these three characters in making a happy and wholesome life. He also outlined the characteristics of this type of love. Some of them are: It suffereth long, envieth not, vaunteth not itself, is kind and endureth all things.

Dr. McKinney's address was very inspiring and enjoyable to the students, faculty and community friends. It is anticipated that he will become one of Bennett's annual vesper speakers.

Dr. McKinney received his B. A. and Ph. D. degrees from Morehouse College and Yale University, respectively. He also attended Andover Newton Theological School and The University of Chicago. He is the fourth president of Storer College.

Anthology of College Poetry

It is always a pleasure for us to congratulate any member of the faculty or student body who achieves even a small spark of fame. This month, we would like to congratulate two members of the student body. They are Misses Sylvia Rock, and Miss Gertrude Jones, members of the Junior and Sophomore classes, respectively.

Both of these young ladies were among the fortunate number whose poems were selected for publication in the *Anthology of College Poetry*. Selections were taken from poems written by college men and women representing every state in the union.

Miss Rock's poem is entitled "Ritual For Love," a fourteen-line sonnet with the Spenserian style stanza. "Deceiving Mind" is the title of the poem written by Miss Jones.

These poems appear in a small book in our library entitled, "America Sings." Those interested will find the complete volume of the poems submitted.

The following is the poem submitted by Miss Gertrude Jones.

"Deceiving Mind"
Gertrude Elizabeth Jones
Come, Oh Come,
You wondering mind
Won't you please come back to me,
I have not lived as other men
My heart knows no joy or glee.
Come, Oh Come,
You strolling mind
Never molest the yester years,
I have not lived as other men
You'll only bring me grief and tears.
Come, Oh Come,
You unstable mind
Never leave this body alone,
I want no part of the things you endeavor
The house I lived in was not a home.
Come, Oh Come,
Dear mind to me
Never again depart this way,
Come help me build for you and me
A bigger, brighter, and better day.

Mr. Kirchberger New Addition To Music Staff

The Bennett Family is happy to welcome Mr. Frederic Kirchberger as the newest addition to the music staff.

Mr. Kirchberger is a native of Berlin, Germany where he studied at the Conservatory of Music of Wurzburg University.

In nineteen hundred thirty-eight Mr. Kirchberger came to the United States. A recipient of a scholarship, he attended The Julliard School of Music in New York, one of the outstanding music schools in this country, finishing in 1940.

Mr. Kirchberger studied conducting in New York in the National Orchestra Association. He also wrote music criticism in a magazine entitled *Musical Leader*.

The army interrupted Mr. Kirchberger's career from nineteen hundred forty-one to nineteen hundred forty-five after which he returned to the United States and took post graduate work at Julliard.

A truly accomplished pianist, Mr. Kirchberger has given recitals in Germany and New York. Bennett College is indeed fortunate to have Mr. Kirchberger on its faculty.

Rabbi Maurice Feurer Visits B. C.

The faculty, staff, and student body of the college received a store of valuable information concerning Jews and Jewish doctrine from Rabbi Maurice Feurer of Goldsboro, N. C., during his visit to the campus of January fourth and fifth. Rabbi Feurer came to the campus through the Jewish Chautauqua Society.

His first lecture which was on the subject, "A Birdseye view of Jewish History," was given during the chapel period of the fourth. As he traced and pointed out highlights of Jewish development, he called attention to the fact that Jews have been constantly persecuted and discriminated against since ancient times.

During the afternoon of the fourth, he discussed in the various classes questions of personal interest to the students. These questions concerned such issues as the current crisis in Palestine, and Jewish suffering during the past war.

During the chapel hour on the fifth, Rabbi Feurer conducted a short question period before his discussion of the subject, "What We Jews Believe." This lecture was not limited to a discussion of Jewish doctrine, but many striking similarities of Judaism and Christianity were emphasized.

Rabbi Feurer's visit marked one more effort on the part of the administration to make fuller the knowledge of Bennett students concerning world problems and to develop an awareness of, and a sympathetic attitude toward the suffering of other groups.

Bennett Graduates In Morehouse Homecoming

Three Bennett Graduates were among those forming a pageant of beauty and color in the homecoming festivities of the maroon Tigers of Morehouse College taking place last November. The young ladies who are now attending the Atlanta School of Social Work participated in the half-time ceremonies as sweethearts of Greek-letter fraternities. Edith Chandler, of the Class of '46 reigned as sweetheart of Kappa Alpha Psi. Jenny Lawrence, Class of '46 was sweetheart of Alpha Phi Alpha with Rosemond Hogans, Class of '47, as one of her attendants.

College Parties

President and Mrs. David D. Jones will soon sponsor the annual college parties which are to be held from January 28th through 31st. The Freshmen start the parties off on Wednesday, January 28, 1948. The Juniors, Seniors and Sophomores follow in that order.

The Art Department is planning the decorations. Music will be furnished by the Rhythm Vets of A and T College.

Everyone is looking forward to the parties with great expectations for these are considered the loveliest of all college traditions.

Wedding Bells Ring For Faculty Members

The Christmas holiday season was the time for nuptial settings for members of the Bennett Family.

Miss Wilma Brown, instructor of Biology, became the bride of Mr. J. J. Scarlette on December 23 at Sumter, S. C. Mrs. Scarlette who was attended by her cousin, Miss Irby Davis, was attired in an ice-gray wool crepe suit, powder blue half hat, with matching scarf and gloves. She wore an orchid corsage. Mr. Caesar Blake and Miss Daphne Lawson were the only faculty members present, and Mr. Blake furnished the wedding music.

At present Mr. Scarlette is studying at Chicago University.

Miss Massie Scott, former assistant in the Science Department, was united in marriage with Mr. Leroy Fleming of Fayetteville, N. C. on December 28. The wedding took place in Oxford, N. C. The bride wore white gabardine, and was attended by her sister.

DR. WARREN VISITS BENNETT

Again the young women of Bennett welcomed to the campus Dr. Constance Warren, President-Emeritus of Sarah Lawrence College, of Bronxville, New York.

An annual visitor, Dr. Warren spoke to the student body, by request, on the subject, "The Building of College Morale." Highlights of her speech were the importance of punctuality, dependability, and cooperation. Then, there was a period set aside for the asking of questions.

Dr. Warren also made visits to various classrooms and entered into the discussion with the teachers and students.

Bennett's young ladies can truthfully say that they were benefited by Dr. Warren's speeches and lectures. One cannot avoid looking forward to her return to the campus next year.

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