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THE LARGEST CLASS TO GRADUATE

Five Seniors Give Recitals

The music department of Bennett College has presented five young ladies in senior recitals.

On Sunday, April 28, Miss Marion Moore, a home economics major presented an organ recital. Among her selections were, Bach's "Prelude and Fugue in E Minor", "Come, Sweetest Death" arranged by Fox, and Mendelssohn's Sonata No. 2 in C Minor.

Miss Moore is from Topeka, Kansas.

Misses Grace Coleman and Betty East presented a joint recital on Sunday evening, May 5, at 8:00 o'clock. The program encompassed works for organ and piano. Miss East was pianist and Miss Coleman was organist.

Among the performed compositions for the piano were "Sonata in C Major" by Mozart, "Wedding Day at Troldhaugen" by Grieg, and others. Organ selections heard were Two Chorale Preludes by Bach, "Berceuse" by Vierne, and others. The program concluded with a piano-organ duo: "Sheep May Safely Graze" by Bach.

Miss East is a music major from Pilot Mountain, N. C. and Miss Coleman is an English major and library science minor from Charlotte, N. C.

Miss Jacqueline McAlister from Kingstree, S. C. presented a voice recital on May 12. Miss Novella Hinton was her accompanist.

Some of the numbers included in the program were, Handel's "Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion" from "The Messiah", an aria from "Carmen", "Die Maunacht" by Brahms and three spirituals, "The Crucifixion", "City Called Heaven" and "My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord".

Presenting an organ recital on May 19, Miss Frances Jean Renwick, a music major from Statesville, included among her selections Bach's "Tocatta and Fugue in D Minor", "Organ Concerto No. 5 in F Major" by Handel and "Fugue in C major" by Buxtehude.

The members of the music faculty who served as instructors for the performers were Mrs. Nina Kudrik, Piano, Mrs. Mary M. Crawford, Voice and Mr. Clarence E. Whiteman, Organ.

Note:

The *Banner* staff
wishes for you
a most pleasant
summer



BENNETT MAY QUEEN AND COURT — Miss Mildred Taylor of Greensboro, May Queen, is shown with the members of her court at the annual May Day Festival. Left to right: Misses Barbara Banks of New York City; Nancy Williams, Morganton; Loretta Richmond of Greensboro; Ann Cooper, Glendale, Ohio; Miss Taylor; Betty East, maid of honor, Pilot Mountain; Geraldine Parrish of Glendale, Ohio; Mary Jean Horton of Lenoir, and Johnnie Adams of Leaksville. Not shown is Miss Mamie McLurkin of Chester, S. C.

Campus To Be Illuminated

"Tonight our lighted candles will represent the spirit of sisterhood." Thus will begin Julia McClain, narrator for Campus Illumination scheduled for Saturday, May 25, at 9:30 p. m. in front of Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel.

Campus Illumination, a traditional event at Bennett College, will include: step singing of the College songs, burning of the freshman green bows, sophomore acceptance of junior responsibilities, and the juniors' acceptance of senior caps, gowns, and the privileges and responsibilities which accompany them.

Carrying lighted candles, five girls, Mary Boone, freshman; Nannie Poole, sophomore; Doloris Tonkins and Veronica Shippley, juniors; and Dorothy Harris, senior; will be the voices representing wisdom, love and loyalty, truth and service respectively. Other participants, who will light their candles from the one of the speaker of their class, will be the juniors and seniors, and all non resident students and other students of the freshmen and sophomore classes interested in taking part.

The campus for the event will be lighted with Japanese Lanterns completely around the guardrangle.

Miss Mernelle Martin is chairman of the committee for planning Campus Illumination.

EVENTS

May 26: Baccalaureate
May 27: Commencement

Mother's Day Service Held

The Annual Christening Service for the Children of the Bennett College Alumnae was held during the regular Sunday afternoon vespers, May 12, in the College Chapel.

Dr. William A. Banner, professor of philosophy at Howard University, was guest speaker.

The Sacrament of Baptism was administered to the children by the Reverend John L. Bryan, Director of Religious Activities at the College.

The children receiving the Sacrament were: Michael Girard Reece, son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Reese, (Mary E. Pierce, '51); and Cheryl Denise McCain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Coleman McCain (Juanita Jackson, '57).

A coffee hour for returning graduates followed the Service. Mrs. Jean Haith, Alumnae Secretary hosted in the Faculty Lounge of the Student Union Building.

Dr. Willa B. Player, College President, presided. The music was by the College Choir under the direction of Mrs. Mary Jane Crawford and Mr. Clarence Whiteman, organist.

Mildred Taylor May Queen

"Women in a Traditional Period" was the theme of the May Day Exercises held on the campus on May 4.

Miss Mildred Taylor, a senior of Greensboro, reigned as queen over the day's activities. Serving as maid of honor was Miss Betty East, a senior of Pilot Mountain. Misses Ann Cooper and Geraldine Parrish of Glendale, Ohio, were the senior attendants. Representing the junior class were Misses Loretta Richmond, Greensboro and Mamie McLurkin, Chester, S. C. Miss Mary Jean Horton, Lenoir and Miss Nancy Williams, Morganton were the sophomore attendants. The freshman attendants were Miss Johnnie Adams of Leaksville and Miss Barbara Banks, New York City.

Following the processional, the dance classes portrayed the lives of great women of the past and present. Included were, Queen Elizabeth, Harriet Tubman, Clara Barton, Joan of Arc, Phyllis Wheatley, Mattiwilda Dobbs, Eleanor Roosevelt and others.

The narrator for the occasion was Miss Sonia Loudon who was assisted by Miss Julia McClain. Mrs. Cynthia Chivers, dance instructor, was chairman of the May Day Committee.

The culminating activity was the crowning of the May Day Queen by the president of the college, Dr. Willa B. Player.

Bowen, Flemming To Be Speakers

Ohio Wesleyan's president, Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, will be the speaker at commencement exercises to be held in honor of the largest graduating class in the history of Bennett College. The exercise will be held on Monday, May 27 at 10:30 A. M. in the Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel.

Dr. Flemming, who has received numerous honorary degrees from outstanding colleges and universities in our country, has most recently been on leave from Ohio Wesleyan to serve in our federal government as director of the Office of Defense Mobilization.

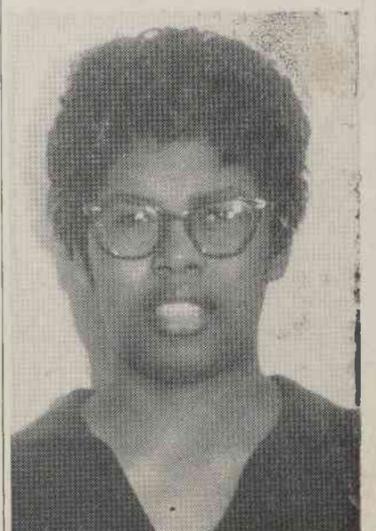
On Sunday May 26, Bishop W. E. Bowen of Atlanta will speak at the baccalaureate service which will also be held in the chapel at 4:00 P. M. on Sunday, May 26. Bishop Bowen, who has visited many countries abroad, is now serving as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Clark, Bethune-Cookman and Claflin Colleges as well as Gammon Theological Seminary.

The Bennett Graduate Association will meet on Saturday, May 25 at 10:00 A. M. Many graduates will be present, particularly those members of the classes having reunions this year: 1932, 1937, 1947, and 1952.

On Saturday, May 25 the College Choir will present their annual concert in the chapel at 8:00 and on Friday, May 24, the Theater Guild will present Sophocles' "Electra" at 8:00 P. M. in front of the chapel.

What a piece of work is a man! How noble in reason! How infinite in faculty! In form and moving how express and admirable! In action how like an angel! In apprehension, how like a god! The beauty of the world! The paragon of animals!

—Shakespeare.



Miss Marie Annette Slaughter, who leads this year's senior class scholastically. Miss Slaughter is an English major and French minor from Newport, Kentucky.