

Where They Are And What They Are Doing Now

Alumni Notes

In response to requests of the State Normal School paper staff, Alumni have sent in interesting accounts of some of their activities in which they are now engaged.

Mr. Albert I. Hinton, a graduate of our school and who is now City Editor to the Journal and Guide, sent us an interesting account of his many activities. He writes:

"I have been employed as City Editor of the Journal and Guide for the past six years. During my career, in an official capacity, I have covered such well known newspaper stories as the celebrated Prince case, in Danville, Va., the William Harper and Robert Lee Johnson cases in this city, and more recently the third trial of the world famous Scottsboro cases in Decatur, Ala. in January, 1935. I was elected president of the State Normal School Alumni Association at the annual meeting in May, 1936. At present am serving as a member of the executive board of the annual Community Fund Campaign (colored division) here. Of further interest might be the fact that I am preparing manuscript for a book on my experiences as City Editor of a Negro Newspaper, something which I believe has not been attempted before."

While at State Normal, Mr. Hinton was active in Lyceum, Y. M. C. A. and served one term as president of the Athletic Association.

Miss Truedell Wimbush, Valedictorian of the class of '29, and a graduate of Hampton Institute in '33 with a B. S. degree, is continuing her very fine work in Denmark, S. C. She is a niece to Mrs. S. A. Young, matron of Lane Hall. Miss Wimbush also sends an interesting account of her work. She states: "My present position is Supervisor of Student Teaching and part time Jeanes Supervisor in Bamberg County where there are 31 schools. Last summer I was selected as the supervisor in South Carolina to receive Jeanes Fund Scholarship to study on Master's Degree at Columbia University. Just recently I have been appointed to a position as Cooperative Teacher Trainer Between State A. & M. College, Orangeburg, S. C. and Penn School, St. Helena Island, S. C. The General Education Board is sponsoring this experiment for three years."

Miss Wimbush also stated that Extra-Curricula Activities such as Lyceum, and Glee Club have been of much help to her in solving problems in her present position.

Mrs. D. G. Brandon, class of '29, received her M. A. degree from Howard University in 1932. Mrs. Brandon, who was then Miss Bernice Bias, is doing some very effective work in the Edenton High School where she has been teaching since 1934.

Mrs. Gladys C. Walker, 107 Lexington street, Norfolk, Va., is doing one of the finest things a woman can do and that is rearing a family. She has one son, two years

of age. If he keeps in the footsteps of his mother there is no doubt that his future will be a success. She has already paid for the first issue of our school paper. Undoubtedly the State Normal School spirit has manifested itself in her.

Miss Helen Moore, class of 1936 is teaching at the M. S. School, Corapeake, N. C. Recently, she gave a demonstration in the March County Wide Teachers meeting on the subject, "Social Culture."

Mr. Fargon S. Berry, class of 1936 is now employed in the public school system of Enfield, N. C. Mr. Berry reports that he is doing fine in his school work. Speaking of other graduates of this school he writes: "All evidences show that State Normal graduates who are teaching in Halifax county will resume their same positions next year." Evidently they are doing splendid work.

Misses Ruth and Eleanor Plummer are now teachers of the I. C. Norcum School, Portsmouth, Va. Miss Ruth Plummer, seventh grade teacher, with the help of her co-workers, sponsored a unit entitled, "Unification of people through communication." This unit was highly appreciated by all who saw it.

Messrs. Richard Council and Erskine Morgan, class of 1936, are teaching in Pasquotank and Edgecombe Counties respectively.

Misses Mary L. Rand and Elizabeth Hamilton, class of 1936 are teaching in the city school system, Selma, N. C., at the Richard B. Harrison High School.

Misses Elsie Bryant and Bettie Rand, class of 1936, are teaching in the city school system, Smithfield, N. C. at the Johnston County Training School.

Miss Elizabeth Bias is continuing her education at Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va. She has visited our school several times while at Hampton Institute.

Many other graduates of our school are doing excellent work but we do not have accounts of their activities at present.

Patronize people that patronize The S. N. S. Messenger.

Dean's Honor Roll for First and Second Quarter

First Quarter

With an average of "A" Wendell P. Jones, Aurelia C. Lester, Carolyn B. Williams.

Seniors with B average: Annie Belle Anderson, Raie B. Cherry, Agnes Holloway, Daisy Keyes, Josephus Lamb, Marie Moore, Mrs. V. A. Trotter, Leslie Truesdell, Mrs. Pearl Young.

Juniors with "B" average: Annie B. Bond, Laura Copes, Carrie Fuller, Catherine Hunter, Fannie Hunter, Gertie Jenkins, Erma Perry, Edith Raynor, Catherine Turner, Eunice Smith and Elsie Weaver.

Second Quarter

With an average of "A" Raie Cherry, Wendell Jones, Leslie Truesdell.

With an average of "B": Anna-

PROBLEMS CONFRONTING GRADUATES OF TO-DAY

For several days members of the staff of this paper have made close contacts with the Alumni of this school to find some of the most difficult problems that they have met.

Many problems were listed. Among the many outlined were the following: Arrangement of a good schedule for a one teacher school, over crowded conditions, lack of materials, disciplinary measures for the adolescent, lack of cooperation in the P. T. A., school buses for children who walk a long distance, purchase of books at the beginning of school, low percentage of attendance, provision for the problem child, and play ground equipment.

This information is valuable to prospective graduates, as these same problems will confront them in their various fields of endeavor. A warning beforehand means a definite opportunity for preparation for removal of these obstacles.

AM I A CITIZEN?

I've studied much about my race. I've learned that we have one set-place.

'Tis there I'll stay or lose my face. Am I a citizen?

White statesmen say, "Negro, you're free; No longer must you slave for me." White voters say, "He shall not be."

Am I a citizen? Some build trade schools where I may work.

Aspiring high, I do not shirk. Ahead, I see, vast dangers lurk.

Am I a citizen? Some say my vote is left to me; All I must do is pay the fee. In some great states that's hard to see.

Am I a citizen? They push away color and race. When I smile in a white dame's face,

They rope my neck; I've harmed my race.

Am I a citizen? They say all men have equal rights My pay is smaller than the whites. I surely get my share of slights.

Am I a citizen? They write, "Discriminate no more. Leave only fairness at his door." But justice they seem to ignore.

Am I a citizen? Why can they not be just to me? Shall I always in this state be? Is there, in truth, no liberty?

Am I a citizen?

—Wendell P. Jones.

SENIOR HONOR STUDENTS ANNOUNCED

Miss Aurelia C. Lester of the primary division and Mr. Wendell P. Jones of the grammar grade division were recently informed by the dean that because of their very high scholastic records while at State Normal they had been selected as Honor students of their divisions and are to deliver their orations at the Class Day exercises, May 19.

Miss Lester is an honor graduate of the P. W. Moore High School, Elizabeth City and since enrolling at S. N. S. has been an Honor Roll student each quarter having been on the "A" Honor Roll. Miss Lester is a member of the Young Women's Glee Club, Dramatic Club and is a staunch Nautilus.

Mr. Jones was valedictorian of his class at the Washington High School, Washington and since coming to State Normal has been an Honor Roll student each quarter, being on the "A" Honor Roll throughout his Senior year at S. N. S. He holds several campus positions, being president of the Senior Class, the Nautilus Club, and the Dramatic Club, and has served as chairman of the Program Committee for the Vespers, Y. M. C. A., and School Masters Club. Too, he is a member of the St. Paul Guild. Mr. Jones has won several prizes since being at S. N. S., including four Negro History Week prizes for original stories and poems and the Junior Class Oratorical Medal given by the Alumni Association. Likewise he has represented the Y. M. C. A. at conferences in Richmond, Va., and at Hampton Institute.

Hats off to the class valedictorians. We congratulate them on their very excellent work. May their lives be a succession of victories. In the spirit of the club they cherish so dearly, THE NAUTILUS, may they ever "Build More Stately Mansions."

THE FIELD TRIP

By James Allen, 5th Grade

One Wednesday morning about half past ten

Our field trip we were soon to begin.

We were in our room, each sitting straight in his seat

The radiator was hot; we had plenty of heat.

Our first stop was at the school's garden,

The soil was soft and had not yet hardened.

The hot bed was ready for the plants to grow;

About those things we already did know.

We walked by the chicken yard. A big dog was the guard.

At last we came to some very bad dogs;

Across the field were plenty of hogs.

We went to the stable where feeding.

Out in the field some men were weeding.

We went in the back where we saw a big pig.

I was sure he could dance many a jig.

Give me another flinger like that and I'll grab the pennant.—Bucky Harris, manager of Washington Senators, commenting on the way the President tossed the first ball of the season.

bel Anderson, Frank Bradley, Reva Brinkley, Johnnie Brown, Leonora Chapman, Welther Gallop, Theresa Goodman, Alice Green, Sadie Hawkins, Harold Lamb, Aurelia Lester, Marie Moore, Georgia Morgan, Abraham McCoy, Curtis Perkins, Bernadine Pitt, Eunice Reid, Augusta Rodgers, Annie Shearin, Marjorie Thompson, V. A. Trotter, Mary Wallace, Carolyn Williams, Pearl Young, Ernestine Smith.

Juniors: Edith Rayner, Geneva Alexander, Carrie Fuller, Fannie Hunter, Essie Hyman, Ezell Johnson, Lillie Knight, Nellie Simpson, Clarine Smith, Eunice Smith, Catherine Turner, Celeste Watson, Elise Weaver and Gertie Jenkins.

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