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Ground Broken For Fine Arts Building

A simple but effective ceremony marked the breaking of the ground for the future Fine Arts Building of the Elizabeth City State Teachers College on the afternoon of November third, with the Senior Class directing the program.

After an inspiring talk by Alexander Davis, class president, members of the Senior Class broke ground toward the building of the Fine Arts structure. Dean Taylor S. Jackson in a short but impressive speech, urged that the building be dedicated to the recreational activities of the College as a means of leading students not only to learn to play for their own enjoyment, but also for the benefit of the young people of the communities into which they will go for service. A closing prayer was then offered by the Rev. Franklin B. Diggs, of the Social Studies Department.

When completed, the Fine Arts Building will be one of the most imposing structures of its kind for Negro College youth.

Watch It Grow

The College Band began with two trumpets. However, under the capable leadership of Mr. Leon H. Prather, it will go forward.

The Band Class at present has four trumpeters: Elsie Tillery, Wilsonia Swain, Eliza Johnson, and William Boney. D. C. Fred Higgs and Uriah Eley play the trombone while Mabel Johnson plays the saxophone. Clarinetists are Christine Perry, Mary F. McNair, and Walter T. White. The snare drum is played by Magellan D. Robinson.

Jesse Holmes as trumpeter and Michael Coston as bass are in training. Leona Harris, clarinetist and saxophonist, and also Luvella Cottrell, saxophonist, will become members of the Band.

Others to begin training are Jeanine Creekmur and Evelyn Williams as alto saxophonists, and Evelyn Kendall as trombonist.

As soon as instruments can be secured, other students will join

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Othello Wilson Choir Presents Concert

On November 15, the Senior Art Society presented, to a highly appreciative audience, the first of its series of lyceum programs for the school year, the "Othello Wilson Musical Arts Choir.

The concert included, in the first group, songs from early and modern Anthems of the Church and also Original Compositions Based on the Folk Idiom. From these two groups, the most striking renditions were "As by the Streams of Babylon" by Campion and Dett and, "I'm Troubled in Mind" by Wilson. The second half of the program opened to Secular Songs based on the Folk Idiom, giving among others a very enjoyable song "Sophomoric Philosophy" by Dvorak. Following this, a group of Traditional Folk Songs were sung. Two, in this part of the program, that were delightfully received by the audience were "Don't Call the Roll" and "Babylon's Falling." The last group, Full Anthems based on Negro Folk Idiom, included Deet's "My Lord What a Morning" and "Gentle Lord, O Gently Lead Us."

The director of the Choir, Mr. Othello Wilson, told the audience during the evening that the purposes of the group were to preserve Negro folk songs and to improve educational opportunities for the Negro race.

the Elizabeth City State Teachers College Band.

Mr. Leon H. Prather, director of the College Band, hails from a

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A Christmas Greeting

A hundred hearts send you their gift of love this Christmas Day. A hundred voices rise in song with words that seem to say:

God Bless You, Bless You, Friend of Ours,

With all your soul can ask!

God give you faith, and light, and joy,

And strength for every task.

Bright be this day that Christ was born,

Bright as the Morning Sun!

Blest be your hearts this Christmas Morn;

God Bless You Everyone!

—Selected

College Library Adds Many New Books

During the past month, 318 books have been added to the College Library, the largest number of books for any one month. There are books, as Bacon says, to be tested, some to be swallowed, and some to be chewed, and digested. Books for every occasion are included in this collection.

In fiction one may find "The Sky and the Forest" by Forester; "Victorious Gland" by Hans; "Nightshade" by McCormick; "No Highway" by Norway; "Divorce of Marcia Moore" by Roberts; "City and the Pillar" by Vidal; "Golden Hawk" by Yerby; "Moth" by Gain, and "Heart of the Matter" by Greene.

There also are books on Philosophy; Berne, "The Mind in Action"; Messerman, "Behavior and Neurosis"; Morgan, "How to Keep a Sound Mind"; Sachs, "Black Anger"; Berdyaen, "Slavery and Freedom"; Heidlbreiden, "Seven Psycho"; Rennie, "Mental Health in Modern Society."

Since many students are interested in making and doing things, it would be wise if they would read the following books: "Sew It Yourself", Grigsby; "The Young Consumer", Shultz; "Practical Tailoring", Liberty; "Fabrics and Dress", Rathoone; and "Your Skin and Its Care", Behrman.

Among the books that are new in Music are: "Hearing the Music", Finney; "How to Listen to Good Music", McKinney; "Music and Reason", Smith; "Records for the Millions", Whiteman; "New Encyclopedia of Music and Musicians", White.

Mr. T. S. Jackson Is Appointed Acting Dean

Mr. Taylor S. Jackson, formerly chairman of the department of Education, has been named Acting Dean to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Wendell P. Jones who is on study leave in Chicago, Illinois. Having had wide experience as an educator, Mr. Jackson is prepared to make a large contribution to the advancement of scholarship at the Elizabeth City State Teachers College.

The desire to educate was born with Mr. Jackson during his early years in the schools of West Point, Kentucky. Encouraged by devoted parents, he worked hard to realize this ambition. He entered the Central High School of Louisville, Kentucky, with the determination to excel.

When upon completing his high school course, he wished to pursue further studies, he was urged to attend the University of Indiana. Here he remained until the prescribed liberal arts course was completed. The quest for learning did not end, however, for he then returned to Chicago and Columbia Universities for higher education.

Mr. Jackson has had an interesting career as a college instructor. From 1923 to 1929, he taught

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Former Grid Star Addresses Assembly

Mr. Jacob S. Felton, former football star, of the Elizabeth City State Teachers College, spoke to students and faculty at a Pre-Homecoming Assembly conducted by the Coaches and Football Squad.

After Coach Russell Wilson had conducted devotions and reviewed the brilliant record of S.T.C. football since 1937, Coach "Fuzzy" Williams then introduced Mr. Felton who is now coach at the P. W. Moore High School and who is assisting in producing future "Pirates." Mr. Felton in a befitting and inspiring address emphasized the joy of returning home, and brought to the Assembly full realization of the significance of Homecoming.