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### REPATRIATION - LOYALTY

Since the Korean Truce was signed during the summer of 1953, we have seen many of our American defenders of the soil return to adjust themselves in civilian life. Some of these veterans live with us daily and many of them have been exposed to Communism, but refused to give up the country where democracy reigns. Out of the twenty-three Americans who refused to come back to us, only three are Negroes. This fact proves that even although all objectives are not met in a democracy, the Korean veterans thought enough of the good old U.S.A. to fight for us and return to better conditions whenever possible.

During the prisoner exchange that proceeded the Truce, men who had fought against the aggression of Communism cried and laughed as they were extremely jubilant to see others who were fighting for the same cause.

It is hoped that democracy will never be defeated and that the threat of Communism is checked before the world becomes chaotic.

### FOOTBALL

This year the one platoon system has been brought back into the college fold. Small colleges are now able to make better or improved schedules, and all sections of the country will enjoy the harvest.

Our school is a good example. Last year we won the Eastern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference football championship with a squad of twenty-six players. Our opponents were able to field three or four teams, and during this period coaches had the opportunity to substitute freely. Now each player has to be an iron man, for a coach may not substitute any player freely, according to the rules and regulations of 1953. If a player goes out of a game, he may not return until the last four minutes of the second quarter or the last four minutes of the fourth quarter.

Rules change and the ability of men does also. Let us stand and cheer the champions and push them on to another football crown. This year the gridiron manpower has increased slightly. The new additions added to

### GRADES OR ACHIEVEMENT?

The present attitude of students toward grades is that the grade is more important than the subject matter or the training of the mind. Colleges demand good grades, and the teachers seem to judge a student by the grades he makes. By cramming and conscientious study, by using his memory, John Doe may receive a row of A's. As far as John Doe is concerned he does not put the subject matter to work for himself and boasts that he isn't interested in school. He knows, however, that to get along in college, in the business world or in some particular profession he decides to follow, good grades are essential.

I believe, along with the quarter grades, other symbols or letters should be used to show achievement. The achievement record will indicate whether John Doe has actually raised himself from the level on which he was to a higher level, or whether he has learned what he has studied. It will show whether his work habits are good or poor and whether he has raised his standard of workmanship over a given period of time. Education is provided to give students a series of guided experiences that will equip them for citizenship, make them independent thinkers, develop leadership and cooperation, and enable them to escape the handicaps of a confused world.

If teachers encourage working for achievement rather than for grades, we shall change the present attitude that most students have toward grades, and make better students.

—Curtis Twine

### GREETINGS

We, the members of the Student Council, extend a most hearty welcome to the entire student body. We are proud that you have chosen Elizabeth City State Teachers College to prepare yourselves for a more suitable and desirable place in life.

We are also very eager to cooperate with you in any way possible to make this academic year, 1953-54 one of the most profitable and enjoyable years of your college career.

Our college has many organizations and extra-curricular activities designed to broaden one's college training and personal development. We, the Student Council, feel that you should become affiliated with at least one of these organizations. As members of the student body, let us go forth this year with a new mind, eager to learn, and ready to accept responsibilities which will prepare us for a better and greater tomorrow.

The Student Council

the nucleus of the 1952 Champs should sparkle in anyone's vision.

The test of a true champion is to repeat himself. We do not want to be too optimistic in our statements, but we do want to give thanks and credit to the football teams around the nation who represent small colleges like ours. It is highly believed that the one platoon system is here to stay and will give all the schools good representation on the gridiron.



### IN REVIEW

Have you been in the library and inquired about new books? There are many interesting ones that may be found. I have just completed a compelling novel by Selig G. Seligman, a native of New York, graduate of New York University and Harvard Law School. His wartime service in Washington supplied the necessary first-hand details which gave "Honey on the Hill" the brilliance and excitement of reality.

The author centers this story around Tony Custer, a young man who has a great deal of influence on both men and women. Having been a product of two wars he knows what he wants, and gets what he wants. More precisely, he suddenly finds Mana, a manufacturer's wife, who because of her undeveloped moral sense is lured away by him.

The novel in the detail and the atmosphere that the author creates is impressive—it is an overall picture of a society and the people who inhabit it.

—Delorice Taylor

### KOREAN VETERANS ENROLL AT S.T.C.

Along with many other colleges throughout the nation, Elizabeth City State Teachers College has enrolled a number of Korean Veterans. Returning to college has been made possible for them through the G.I. Bill of Rights.

College life being a far cry from the experiences endured in Korea, most of them have expressed favorable impressions of S.T.C. They realize that the principal agency for restoring them to their place in society is the college. Veterans, having a sense of urgency about getting a college education, know that education has certain advantages over every other method of rehabilitation.

State Teachers College is proving its worth for veterans who are traveling the steep road back to civilian life.

—Curtis Twine

### PRAYER FOR A TEACHER

Dear God, when I stand before them today  
And give each a mark to carry away,  
Just help me remember I've a 20 year start;  
I've taught school so long that  
I know things by heart.

—Selected.

### WHAT IS IT?

Just what is the opening of School to students of State Teachers College? Is it the beginning of a beautiful dream—a dream that this may be your year to shine? Or is it a nightmare—a day full of bogies and other horrors?

The dream's the thing if you're an old timer coming back to the fold, to the friendships already made, or if you're making acquaintances with our new instructors and students.

To you, dignified Seniors, it should be a year of beautiful dreams, for you have looked forward to this last year at S. T. C. to help you cope with the obstacles that will confront you after you will have left this institution.

To you, sophisticated, Juniors, it should be a year of higher aspirations, for you are gradually sailing onward to maintain the goal which you set in "51".

To you, wise Sophomores, this year should be a successful one, because you have really begun to think seriously of the profession that you have chosen.

To our dear Freshmen, just what is the opening of school to you? Is it a nightmare that has come true? Or is this your year to shine with all your talents and abilities?

Back to school, you have found many improvements made for our comfort and enjoyment. Our auditorium has been remodeled, our dining hall has been painted, and new tables have been provided. We also find our Student Council in operation, working earnestly to aid in the development of the whole student. Pianos have been installed, and a piano instructor is available to teach students who wish to advance in music.

Let this be your year to take advantage of all the extra-curricular activities, and other opportunities that are offered here at S. T. C.; then you can proudly say, "This is a year of beautiful dreams, it is our year to shine".

—Johnnie E. Holloway

### REV. BANKS SPEAKS AT CORNER STONE BAPTIST CHURCH

Reverend James F. Banks, Elizabeth City State Teachers College, spoke at Corner Stone Baptist Church on October 11, 1953. His subject, "Hidden Sorrows" was presented forcefully to a very attentive audience.