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### "SO YOU'RE IN COLLEGE"

It is better to build on a good foundation than a poor one. During your first quarter here you have, to a great extent, determined your future as a college student, by the way you have impressed the administration, your classroom teachers, and your fellow students, you have made yourself known. You have laid the foundation for your college years.

You are now undertaking a full-time schedule. However, after the struggles and hardships of that period of work which is called a day, there is still time left. Whether you are an athlete, a dancer, an actor, or an afternoon stroller, all depends upon how you spend your leisure time. Although all freshmen are usually orientated after the first quarter, you will need to add to your schedule for the winter quarter Cooperation and Enthusiasm.

By your scholarship and active participation in the extra-curricular activities during this second period of the year, the College will have a better knowledge of your abilities and potentialities.

### ROSES AND THORNS

Roses to the seniors who have successfully finished their practice teaching.

Thorns to all students who overcut in their classes last quarter.

Roses to the seniors who graduated the past quarter.

Thorns to the students who cheated on final exams.

Roses to the students who made the Dean's honor list.

Thorns to the students who didn't take advantage of religious programs.

Roses to the Student Council for the Pirates' Log.

Thorns to the students who are unduly ungentlemanly-like in the Canteen and other places on the campus.

Roses to the persons who helped to improve the College Canteen.

Roses to the persons who made it possible for us to have music in the Dining Hall.

Thorns to the persons who continue to cut line in the Dining Hall.

Roses to the Athletic Department for the improvement of the gymnasium floor.

Roses for the returning and new students.

### HARP TRIO IN CONCERT

The Elizabeth City State Teachers College presented the first in a series of Lyceum programs for 1956-57 with the performance of the Harp Trio. This group was composed of three fine artists who were Cynthia Otis, harpist; Lois Schaefer, flutist; Arydth Alton, violoncellist.

The program was divided into five sections, the first of which consisted of a sonata by Dietrich Buxtehude. The second featured a combination of Flute and Harp and included a Sonata by Marcello Benedetto, showing variations of flute and harp producing contracting music. The third section featured the beautiful music of the Harp in which such compositions as "Windy Nights" by Rudolph Frost and "Chanson dans la Nuits" by Carlos Salzedo showed the variety of effects which can be produced on the instrument.

Johann Sebastian Bach's beautiful "Arioso" climaxed the fourth section of the program. The Trio concluded their program with "Sonatine" by Carlos Salzedo.

—Tran Barclift

### COLLEGE PLAYERS TO PRESENT CHRISTMAS STORY

The Dramatics Club of State Teachers College, in response to a request of the Prayer Meeting Committee, will present "The Christmas Story," at the weekly prayer service in the College Auditorium on December 19.

The narrator for this story which is centered around the birth of Christ will be Alice Pope. The music will be Christmas carols which will be played by Mr. Winston Bell throughout the program.

—Inez Moye

### Y.W.C.A. TO SPONSOR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

The Y. W. C. A. gave the annual Christmas Breakfast on December 16 at 6:00 A.M. in the College Dining Hall. The "Y", under the supervision of Mrs. Thomas, sponsors the breakfast on the last Sunday before the Christmas holidays. The occasion was an inspiring one which featured a sermonette and music by the Women's Glee Club.

Everyone looks forward to this beautiful Christmas service.

### B.R.H. CLUB GIVES PRE-CHRISTMAS TEA

The members of Bias Hall Club gave their Annual Tea on Sunday, December 16 from three to five in the afternoon. It was a Tea open to all who wished to attend. In response to invitations sent by the young ladies of the Hall, several parents were present.

A beautifully decorated Christmas tree was placed inside the main entrance, near the Lounge, so that it could be easily seen by each guest who entered. Other decorations, such as bouquets of pine and ribbon were everywhere.

The Tea, which gave to students and guests the true Christmas joy, will be long remembered.

### THALIA SOROSIS CLUB ENTERTAINED

The Thalia Sorosis Club, a campus organization for finer womanhood, was entertained on Monday night, December 17, by the adviser, Mrs. Dorothy Thomas. The social was a Pre-Christmas Party at the Y Hut from six to seven-thirty.

The Hut was beautifully decorated in Christmas colors. The refreshments (sandwiches, cup cakes and punch) carried out the Christmas idea also.

—Marie Riddick

### NEWSLETTER GETS NEW MEMBERS

Five members of the Freshman Class have shown their interest in publishing the news of the College by joining the Newsletter Staff at the beginning of the Winter quarter. They are Dorothy Jenkins, Evelyn Leathers, Lois Parker and Barbara Ransom, and Barbara White.

A cordial welcome has been extended to these young ladies, who, it is believed will make worthwhile contributions to the Newsletter.

### ADVISER ENTERTAINS NEWSLETTER STAFF

The members of the Newsletter Staff were highly entertained by their adviser, Mrs. E. H. Mitchell, at an informal party in the Recreation Hall on Monday, December 17.

Dancing, Bingo, and Checkers were greatly enjoyed; there was fun for all.

From a table centered with a Yule Log, evergreen, and Christmas balls in bright colors, the guests were served ice cream, wafers, nuts and candies.

### WHAT DOES PRAYER ACCOMPLISH?

Christian prayer releases on earth the power of God. He alone holds in His hands all the energies of our universe, whether in the atoms or stars. One of our world leaders has declared that the atomic bomb has enabled man to harness the basic power of the universe. In a worthy sense he has spoken wisely, but on a higher level he would agree that Christian prayer can accomplish wonders far beyond the reach of atomic bombs.

Thus far the atom has been used only to destroy. It may even go down in history as the supreme embodiment of "man's inhumanity to man." In years to come, however, this same force may be employed to promote peace for the advancement of mankind.

What does Prayer accomplish in one's own experience? Such an inquiry is selfhood. In order to serve self and others effectively, one needs the transforming power of God, which comes mainly through prayer.

The spirit of devotion, likewise, brings an individual into right relation with himself and others. As individuals, as citizens of America and as college students when we are confronted with innumerable difficulties and perplexities, we may find in prayer solutions to these situations.

### LEON WHITE ORDAINED BY CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Leon White, sophomore, was ordained for the ministry by the Congregational Christian Church on October 11 at Eagle Rock, North Carolina.

He has been interested in the ministry since his graduation from high school in 1950. However, his entering was postponed because he was called to service in the U. S. Navy where he served for a term of four years. In May 1955 he was discharged, and in the following fall he entered at the E.C.S.T.C. where he has proved himself in scholarship and character. After graduation from this College he will continue his studies in a theological seminary.

—Cleo White

### THANKSGIVING SERVICES CONDUCTED BY CHAPLAIN

The Thanksgiving message was delivered by Reverend R. E. Stephens, College Chaplain. It was during the regular vesper hour on November 18, and the minister was at his best as he presented his inspiring message on "Where Are The Nine."

Also during the Thanksgiving season the Y.M.C.A., sponsored by Reverend Stevens and led by Joseph Purvis, collected baskets of food for distribution to the unfortunate.

The spirit of humility and giving marked the Thanksgiving observance at the College.

### MY IMPRESSIONS OF STUDENT TEACHING

Student teaching impressed me very favorably, in spite of the fact that I was under a great deal of pressure.

Student teaching gave me a greater outlook on life. It made me realize to a greater extent how very important it is always to do my best, no matter what the situation may be. I was sincerely impressed at doing a number of things better than I thought possible.

In student teaching one does not know what he may be asked to do. There can be a great many difficulties which arise. I found that the main thing in developing confidence is to learn to face the problems of life as they arise, doing the best that I can under the circumstances.

I shall never forget how pleased I was to see my children do well. I, too, will remember how I felt when they failed. This, of course, brought questions in my mind. Was I to blame for not putting the material over so that they could grasp it easily? Or did the children lose interest and fail to listen to what was being said?

I came to the realization that I cannot run away from problems which may arise in student teaching and pretend that they do not make any difference. I must be truthful with myself and acquire skill in facing and solving problems successfully.

—Mary Spruill