

State Teachers College News Letter

"MISS HOMECOMING"



HOMECOMING QUEEN PRESENTED

At half-time "Miss Homecoming" and "Miss Alumni" were escorted on the Athletic Field where they received congratulations from the presidents of the College and the Alumni Association.

After being presented by President S. D. Williams, Shirley Wiggins, "Miss Homecoming" was given a beautiful bouquet of gold and white chrysanthemums. Attending her were Pauline Carney and Adeline Price; also Roland Wright, James Leathers and Sterling Lennon.

Merry Christmas!

THE ELIZABETH RAY WILLIAMSON DANCE RECITAL SPONSORED

The Elizabeth Ray Williamson Dance Recital sponsored by Zeta Kappa Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority at the Elizabeth City State College recently was a highlight in the cultural life of the college as well as Elizabeth City and adjoining communities.

Mrs. Williamson displayed unusual talent in her rare variety of interpretations which included "Around the World in Dance" displaying dances in appropriate settings from Hawaii, Russia, Mexico, Scotland and Haiti. The repertoire also included dances depicting sketches of daily life activities as well as those reflecting deep religious significance.

NEWSLETTER STAFF LOSES MEMBER

Included in the twenty cadet teachers who graduated first quarter was Linwood Edwards, a member of our Newsletter Staff. Edwards was industrious and his contributions will be missed. On behalf of the Newsletter Staff, the editor wishes to congratulate Mr. Edwards.

THE CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

Christmas is celebrated in all Christian countries as the birthday of Christ. The name Christmas comes from the early English term "Christes Masse" meaning "Christ's Mass. It is used only in English speaking countries. In most of Europe it is known as "Christ's Birthday." Scandinavian countries still use the pagan name "Yule Day", and Germany and Switzerland observe "Holy Night". The date for Christmas in most lands is December 25. It is marked by religious services, by exchange of gifts and by merrymaking.

The exact date of Jesus birth is not known, and for 200 years or more, while Christians lived in the shadow of persecution, the church had no Christmas celebration. Soon after A. D. 200 the new feast was being observed on various dates—especially January 6, March 25, and December 25. By the middle of the fourth century, the Western church was nearly everywhere celebrating it on December 25. Later the Eastern church accepted this date.

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Twenty-Four Seniors Complete Course

The College Family will for a long time remember the impressions made by the twenty-four seniors who completed their work at the end of the Fall Quarter. Outstanding services have been rendered by them.

Below are the names of graduating seniors and organizations in which they have participated at some time during the four-year period: Frederick D. Brown, Football Team; Lottie Claude, College Choir; Mary Coffield, College Choir—Lee Lois Dabney, Modern Dance Group—College Choir—Soloist and pianist College Jazz Band; Janice S. Drew, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority - Thalia Sororis Club - Dramatic Club - Y.W.C.A.; Linwood Edwards, Jr., College Choir - News Letter Staff - Y.M.C.A.; Joan D. Flowers, Modern Dance Group - Cheering Squad; Palmas Gerald, Intramural Sports Team; Catherine Granby, College Choir - Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; Josephine M. Gray, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority - Alpha Kappa Mu - Sigma Rho Sigma - Thalia Sororis Club - Who's Who in American Colleges; Johnnie Harris, College Choir; Esther Harvey, Dramatic Club;

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CHOIR PRESENTS "THE MESSIAH"

