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NEWSLETTER STAFF AT WORK

Left to right—Naomi Cousin, Katrina Johnson, Richard Branch, Dennis Askew, James Leathers, Annie Martin, Janice Rogers, Sara Heckstall, Sylvester Mattocks, and Georgianna Barnes. Not shown in picture is Louise Hoffler, typist.

THREE NEWSLETTER MEMBERS ATTEND C.S.P.A.

Louise Hoffler, typist, Dennis Askew, exchange editor, and Sara Heckstall, feature editor, were representatives of the Newsletter to the thirty-fourth annual Columbia Scholastic Press Association which was held at Columbia University, New York City, March 13-15.

There were approximately 5,000 delegates at the conference, representing elementary schools, high schools, and colleges. The theme was "The Student Press — A Medium of Mass Communication".

An interesting display of news publications, including elementary school newspapers, high school newspapers and magazines of various types, and also college publications, was held in the Rotunda of the Low Memorial Library throughout the conference. From these, many ideas for improving news writing could be gained.

The opening session of the Teachers College Division was held in Thompson Hall, Teachers College, Columbia University. Frances Banas, president of the Division, and a student at Williamantic Teachers College, Williamantic, Connecticut, presided.

In her opening remarks, Frances stressed three objectives that we as future teachers should observe: (1) broadening the horizon of students, (2) encouraging students to think creatively, and (3) focusing attention on education in terms of space and the future. She then introduced Mr. William D. Boutwell, Director of the Teen Age Book Club, Scholastic Publication, the main speaker for the meeting.

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Religious Emphasis Week Observed

REV. W. T. NELSON IS SPEAKER

One of the most outstanding activities of the year was the observance of Religious Emphasis Week. The main speaker was the Reverend W. T. Nelson, Chaplain, Maryland State College. He was assisted by the Reverend R. L. Stephens of the Mount Lebanon Church, Elizabeth City.

Beginning with a vesper service on Sunday, March 16, the program was carried out through the week with daily assemblies, noon devotions and buzz sessions in the evening. Also there were special programs which included a lecture on "Africa" on Wednesday evening and a period for "Evaluation" on Thursday afternoon.

Highlights of the Week

"Rising from Nobody to Somebody" was the topic used by the Reverend Nelson for the Tuesday morning Assembly. Emphasizing the need of faith for the accomplishment of the worthwhile things in life, he used several illustrations. One was of a rich lady with a host of friends who had never given thought to the spiritual things of life. She became ill. Sickness was with her so long that she lost both friends and wealth. In fact she became a "nobody". But she heard of a man called Jesus who was expected to pass her way, so she decided to turn to him for aid. The mere touch of his garment wrought a great change in her. She admitted her sins, and again she became a "somebody". She learned of the faith that one must have in order to get that which he desires.

He spoke also of Peter who believed

ANNUAL COLLEGE DAY HELD

ALUMNUS TO BECOME AFRICA EXPERT

Dr. Wendell P. Jones is studying at the University of California at Los Angeles on a grant by the Ford Foundation to become a specialist on African Education. He was recommended by the UCLA to the Foundation as an American Educator capable of becoming a specialist in the field.

His program of African Studies will last two years, and is divided into three phases. The first is a study of Africa in general; the second a year in Africa to collect information; the third a return to UCLA to organize material.

This semester, Dr. Jones is a lecturer in the School of Education while undertaking independent study. His preparation will include conferences with experts on Africa. During the summer, he will attend international conferences in Rome and study information on the subject collected by UNESCO and the University of London. With the arrival of fall, he will begin a year in Africa to get first hand information and to purchase for UCLA all documents he can locate.

Speaking of Africa's importance, Dr. Jones stated that "It is a broad area of tremendous possibility and opportunity. It is a challenging part of the world. Its potential just has not been approximated yet."

SEVEN SENIORS COMPLETE COURSE

Seven seniors completed their courses at the end of the winter quarter. These seniors have made many outstanding contributions on the college campus and have participated in many activities. Below are the names of the graduating seniors and their organizations.

Shirley Wright, Thalia Sororis Club - Delta Sigma Theta Sorority-College Choir - Junior Counselor - Dormitory Counselor; Janice Clawson, College Choir - Dance Group; Laura Baxter, Young Women's Christian Association - Dance Group; Amien Wright, Attendant for Miss S.T.C. - Women's Glee Club - Junior Counselor - Yearbook staff. Odell Harris, President of the Student Council; Simon Hemby, College Choir - Football team - Intramural Sports team; Joseph Purvis, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity - Dramatic Club - Band - College Choir.

that he could walk alone, and, therefore, started out with pride in himself. However he grew faint when he lost the touch of the Master's hand. The realization of his own limitation brought him back to himself, and he took a firmer grasp of the hand of his Master.

Seniors Direct College Activities

Annual College Day was observed on March 31 as one of the traditions of the College. This was the day on which seniors accepted the responsibilities of directing the activities of the College.

The program began with the presentation of the Senior Class to President Williams by Dr. George L. Davis, Dean of the College. The Senior Oath was administered by the President to the Class of '58. After this ceremony, Robert Moody, president of the Class was given the keys to the institution.

Before issuing the orders for the day, the new president spoke to the students, especially freshmen, on "Advice". In his speech, he emphasized the importance of making a good start and keeping true to it through college and life.

James Leathers, vice-president of the Class greeted the freshmen and administered the Oath to the promising and challenging Class of '61.

Last on the program for the morning was the assignment of various students to fill the positions of the Staff for the day.

Miss S.T.C. Crowned

At eight o'clock in the evening the charming Adeline Price, chosen as Miss S.T.C. for 1958-59, was presented her crown by Shirley Wiggins, Miss S.T.C. for 1957-58.

There was entertainment for the beloved queen by the Dance Group, the College Band, Choir, Women's Glee Club, Dramatic Club, and Tran Barcliff at the piano.

After the activities of the evening as presented by these student groups, there was the Grand Waltz for the queen and her court.

National Library Week Observed

Beginning March 17, the library observed National Library Week. The theme was, "Wake Up and Read." The highlight of the week was a program given by the Library Science Class to which the faculty and student body were invited.

The following persons along with Mrs. Midgette, the librarian, were responsible for the program, the various exhibits of books display, and their themes or subjects: "Books That Are Movie Titles", Pauline Barnes; "Good Health Is The Best Policy", Juanita Britton; "It's Always Book Time," Rena Davis; "Leisure Time Readings", Naomi Cousin and Katrina Johnson; "Have You Met These People In Books?" Inez Russ; "Music" Tran Barcliff; "Masterpieces, Read About Them", Mary Howell, and "Religion", Thornton Smith.

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