

## About the Portsmouth Chapter



MR. EMANUEL ALEXANDER

The chapter has had very interesting meetings all of the year. The group pledged \$100.00 per year rather than to sponsor an individual student.

The chapter sponsored a Pre-Teen Contest which ended with a Mother's Day Tea on Sunday, May 10. The program consisted of readings and musical numbers. The oldest mother and youngest mother present were given prizes. The effort was a financial success.

Mrs. Maude Howell is doing volunteer work as a "Gray Lady", helping wounded and sick sailors at the Portsmouth Naval Hospital. She is doing a wonderful job and is liked by all there.

Chapter members attending the inauguration of President Walter N. Ridley were: Mrs. R. T. Bridgers, Mr. Napoleon Byrd, Mrs. Maude Howell, Mrs. Sallye B. Smith, Mrs. Viola Tann, and Mrs. Julia Wilder.

Officers of the Portsmouth Chapter are: George Ellis, president; Mrs. Florence E. Manson, vice-president; Mrs. Rosalyn Ellis, recording secretary; Mrs. R. T. Bridgers, financial secretary; Mrs. Julia Wilder, treasurer; Napoleon Byrd, chaplain; Mrs. Maude Howell, chairman of program committee; and Mrs. Viola Tann, executive board member.

## Brooklyn Alumni Ass'n Presents College Choir

The Brooklyn Alumni Chapter of ECSTC graciously received and proudly presented the College Choir in concert on April 24 at the Mount Lebanon Baptist Church.

Alumni were extremely proud for the members of the Choir were at their very best, and certainly worthy of praise in every respect. The Alumni hope that they will return again soon.

### Chapter Plans Next Project

Alumni of the Brooklyn Chapter are always busy. When one activity is completed, the group has another ready to begin. The members are ever ready to accept a new challenge. With the Choir visit now a part of its history, new plans are in the making for the next major event. The group is preparing for the Homecoming.

It is the hope of the Brooklyn Chapter to be in Elizabeth City for the 1959 Homecoming and to have accomplished something worthwhile by that time. They look forward to greeting many alumni, students and friends at that time.

## Tribute To Georgia

Nations have had their kings  
Who played magnificent parts;  
We have had Georgia  
Who captured our hearts.  
For ten years she worked and helped  
Bronx House grow.  
She is truly a fine associate that we  
Hate to see go.

No finer characteristics in a person  
Can be found . . .

Love, understanding, sincerity and  
Affection unbound.  
Kings are remembered by splendor  
arrayed;

Georgia will be remembered by  
Artistic talent displayed.

So, as you go forward continue to  
progress.

We wish you prosperity and happiness.

And as you meet each dutiful call,  
We wish you all the good that  
"From the Father's hand can fall".

—Myrtle Hill

## A Salute to Mattie Robinson

It is a happy thought . . . the invitation to call to memory the Alumnae of Yesteryears. It is refreshing to renew acquaintances with many of the ambitious, plodding, or happy-go-lucky college students with whom you rubbed shoulders in the old days.

There was one student-teacher in the Typing Class in those days whom you felt would drop into oblivion. She had the air of the teacher more than the pupil. Recent inquiries and investigation have revealed that she is still active, if not with collegians, with children.

For the past fifteen years, she has been associated with the New York City Domestic Relations Court, Children's Division. Her cheery smiles and understanding attitude have been the source of encouragement to many a bewildered parent upset by the involvement of a child. As an offshoot of this interest, she has been quite active in the Youth Activities in her church, the Corner Stone Baptist Church of Brooklyn. She cannot decline when asked to participate in contests, in fund-raising rallies for scholarships, and other worthy activities. Indeed at the mention of the name State Teachers College, her enthusiasm is aroused and she is ready to assist the Brooklyn Chapter in its endeavors. This is Mattie Robinson, nee Garrett, one of the Class of 1928 for whom we say "Hats off".



Not the least in her activities, and one which calls for special mention in these days of lack of filial duty, is her untiring devotion to her invalid parents. Their resulting contentment and relaxed manner must be rewarding to her. They also justify her often-heard excuse, her inability to participate more actively in community affairs.

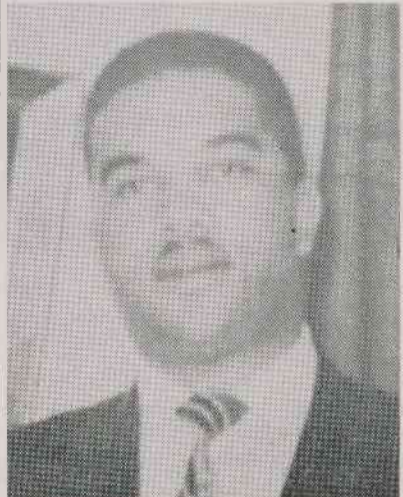
## Former Newsletter Editor Dies In California

Roland Valentino Bowser '53 died in Los Angeles, California on April 2, 1959.

He was the son of the late William Spencer and Izetta Ross Bowser. His early training was received at the Training School and at the P. W. Moore High School, Elizabeth City. He was graduated with honor from the Elizabeth City State Teachers College. A year after he received the master's degree in Education from Western Reserve in Cleveland, Ohio. From that time until his death he lived in Los Angeles.

At the funeral services held at the Corner Stone Baptist Church on April 8, music was rendered by the College Choir under the direction of Miss Evelyn A. Johnson.

As a student he was president and soloist for the Choir. He played well many roles with the College players, and was outstanding editor of the Newsletter.



ROLAND V. BOWSER

## Social Hour For Women's Glee Club

The Women's Glee Club sponsored a social hour in Hugh Cale Hall, May 19 from 6 to 7 p.m.

Each member of the club invited a female guest. Several tables were set up for playing cards and dominoes. Refreshments, which included peanuts, ice cream and cookies, were served, while soft music was played.

During the latter part of the hour, several members and guests made comments on how they had enjoyed the entertainment and how they had enjoyed working with the Glee Club during the past year.

Special consideration was given to Ethel Yelity, a senior, who has faithfully worked with the Glee Club for three years. Recognition was also given to Helene Midgette, a graduating business student, who has worked with the Glee Club for one year.

Miss E. L. Davis, director of the Glee Club, stated that she had enjoyed working with the group and is proud of the success made during the past year.

## News of Hyde County

The Hyde County Unit has elected Charles E. Boone '53 as its president. The first business of importance was to establish a Scholarship Fund to help a worthy student of the College. All efforts are made to make this project a success.

## Community Recreation Class Takes Lead

The Community Recreation class has felt the need for more student participation; therefore they are taking a leading role in acquainting the students with various activities.

Listed below are activities in which a student may engage:

Wednesday nights:	6:30-8:00	Recreational dancing in the gymnasium
	6:30-7:30	Photography Club in Lester Hall
Thursday nights	6:30-8:00	Activity night in Doles Hall
Saturday afternoons	2:00-5:00	Flower Club in Doles Hall

Since superintendents and principals are looking for teachers who are good leaders and qualified beyond subject matter, we, the Community Recreation Class, have recognized the need for this program.

## MY WORK AT THE DECATUR JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

By Sallie E. Jones

To write anything worthwhile about my work at Decatur (35) would make a very long story. I am, however, at the present time assembling material for a book, which, I hope, will be forthcoming. The Top Guidance Counselor of our school is quite interested and has offered his help if I will undertake the chore.



I have been in the New York City system for quite a few years. I have been teaching at Decatur for twelve years. These years have been a very rich experience.

Our school is listed as a Special School. We get many of the things some of the other schools may not have. We have ninety-five teachers, seven guidance counselors, one principal and five assistant principals. There are twenty seventh year classes, with less than thirty pupils in each class.

I have as a rule always been assigned to the seventh year adjustment class, girls only. These girls are usually selected and assigned to this class before they leave the sixth grade of the Elementary School. Most of them are extremely emotionally disturbed, some are chronic behavior problems, and a few are incorrigible youngsters. If after a few weeks or a month we find they are able to adjust to class routine, they are allowed to travel with regular classes. If, on the other hand, we find they do not seem to adjust to any type of routine, we try to get them placed in a 600 School.

Working with this group of children has advantages such as no other class coverage . . . no heavy outside assignment and extra unassigned time. However, to remain with this type of children over a period of time requires patience, stamina and fortitude. Often these children have high I.Q.'s and reading grades. They are not all retarded children.

At the end of the school year, if the teacher can really feel that even

one child is better adjusted to face life's problems, she believes that her year's work has not been wasted, and that she has not worked in vain.

At the end of each day if all has been quiet the teacher feels that she has earned her day's pay.

## Presenting . . . Mr. Henry Fields

Henry Fields in his usual successful role has made outstanding accomplishments in his final collegiate athletic season. Participating in track, Fields has achieved many honors in the high jumping event.

To recapitulate a little, Henry jumped to first place honors in the Winston-Salem relays, the Howard Relays, and most recently the C.I.A.A. Championship. In the Penn Relays, against the best in the country, Fields walked off with the third place trophy.

His highest jump to date is a marvelous 6' 5 1/4" leap which was made at the 1959 Winston-Salem Relays. Most of his winning jumps are about 6' 4". Painstaking practice is the element which makes Henry capable of achieving such heights.

Henry does not limit his track prowess to the collegiate ranks. During the summer, he jumps in meets in New York City area. In the summer of 1958 he won the high jump event in the Metropolitan A.A.U. meet. In a meet held in Woodbury, N.J., he tied for first place, only to lose the medal via a flipped coin.

This being Fields' final quarter, it is no wonder that he should finish up in such a miraculous way. He is really giving S.T.C. some things by which he can be remembered. His accomplishments truly warrant him a pat on the back.

## Track Team Receives Honors

The track team under the coaching of William "Bucky" Harris has proved to Elizabeth City State Teachers College fans what conscientious and enduring practice will do.

Representing the school at the Winston Salem Track Meet, the track team recorded victories in both the relays and the high jump. It was Henry Fields who came in first place with the high jump. Other trackmen who scored points in the relays were Henry Hager, Charles Williams, Riddick Parker, Joe Eddings, and Ralph Hart.

## Co-Captains of Football Team Elected for '59-'60

At a meeting held in Williams Gymnasium on May 18, John W. Jones and Cameron Curtis were elected co-captains of the football team for 1959-60.

Jones, a sophomore, is from Beaufort, N. C., where he played fullback during four years of his high school career. While playing in the Army, he was shifted from fullback to guard, a position he now holds at S.T.C.

Curtis, a freshman, is a product of Yorktown Heights, New York. As a high school student at Yorktown Heights High School he played both fullback and quarterback. He is now quarterback for the Pirates. During the past basketball season, he was one of the "starting five" and was instrumental in the fine showing of the basketball team in the CIAA tournament in Durham.

The football team is looking forward to a successful season with the full support of the student body.

## Choir In Annual Concert

The Elizabeth City State Teachers College Choir, under the direction of Miss Evelyn A. Johnson, gave its annual spring concert on Sunday, May 17, in Moore Auditorium.

The program proved of great interest to a large number of lovers of secular and sacred music. It was divided into four groups, starting with the compositions of Michael Haydn, a colleague of Wolfgang Mozart, and also included numbers of the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries.

Among the numbers of the first part of the program was the "Requiem Aeternam" by Verdi, which was beautifully rendered with Alburah, a senior from Durham, N. C., doing the solo part. Other soloists were Barbara Gainer of Greenville, N. C., who did solo parts in the choral selections from "Naughty Marietta" by Victor Herbert; and James Magette of Winton who sang the priest's chant in the "Russian Kiev Monastery Chant".

The last group was given to secular numbers and Negro Spirituals. The famous "Elijah Rock" by Jester Hairston of Hall Johnson fame, was among the spirituals. Lighter numbers of great appeal to the audience were "She Walks in Beauty" by Harry Wilson and "Some Day" by Friml.

The fifty-voice choir was accompanied by Mr. Winston Bell, instructor in piano at Elizabeth City State Teachers College.