

## Initial Assembly Program

The Elizabeth City State Teachers College held its first formal assembly program on Thursday October 1, at 11:00 A.M. The program began with hymns from the audience and a meditation by Curtis Bryan, President of Student Council.

Dr. Charles Lyons, Jr., active Dean of the college, was introduced to the audience as speaker for the morning by our president, Dr. Walter N. Ridley.

Dean Lyons' subject was "The Choice Is Your Own." He began by asking stimulating questions: Why did you come to school? What are your goals? And in what ways will your stay in this college help you to reach these goals?

## Staff Members Added

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**Mr. Walter E. Dazier** of Lafayette, Alabama, received his B.S. degree from Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va. and from New York University, New York, N.Y. He has done further study at Ohio State University of Omaha, and works here as an instructor in the Secretarial Science Department and assistant to the business administration.

**Mrs. Evelyn D. Harris** who received her B.S. degree from South Carolina State, Orangeburg, S. C. is working as the secretary to the dean of the college. She is originally from Sumter, S. C., but now resides in Elizabeth City.

**Mr. William A. Lipscomb, Jr.** of Newport News, Va. works as assistant business manager. He secured his B.S. degree from Virginia State College, Petersburg, Virginia.

**Mr. Thurston DeLaine, Jr.**, assistant in personnel, is a native of Sumter, S. C. He received his B.S. degree from Morris College, Sumter, S. C., and has had experience as director of the physical education and athletics at Scotts Branch High School, as well as director of athletics for the city of Sumter.

**Miss Helen Louise C. Pettis** received her A.B. and M.A. degrees from Howard University, Washington, D. C. Miss Pettis is an instructor in the Department of Art.

**Miss Esther L. Cooke**, who is from Atlanta, Ga., received her Mus.B. degree from Howard University, Washington, D. C., and Mus. A.M. degree from the University of Rochester, Eastman School of Music, Rochester, N. Y. She also holds a certificate of Composition from the Juilliard School of Music, and has done much study toward her doctorate in music at the University of Rochester Eastman School of Music. Miss Cooke is now directress of the band.

**Mrs. Valerie Vaughan** of Petersburg, Virginia received her B.S. degree from Virginia State College, Petersburg, Va. She is program assistant.

**Mr. Bernard F. Taylor**, who is from Charles Town, West Virginia, is employed here as an instructor in the Science Department. He received his B.S. degree from Storer College, Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, and M.S. from Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan.

**Mrs. Rosa Lyons**, who is from Halifax, Virginia, is the instructor of home economics. She holds a B.S. degree received from Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C.

**Mrs. Clara P. James** of Elizabeth City works as a nurse aid in the college health center. She has had previous experience at the hospital here in Elizabeth City, and nursing home in Plainfield, N. J.

**Miss C. E. Harrison** of Rocky Mount, N. C. is a graduate of the Elizabeth City State Teachers College. She is employed here as house directress of Doles Hall.

**Mr. Robert A. Gunnell** of Kents Store, Virginia received his B.S. degree from Saint Paul's College, Lawrenceville, Virginia, and holds a certificate from General Motors Institute, Flint, Michigan. He is an instructor in auto mechanics.

## A View of the NEA

The Student National Education Association (Student NEA) is the professional association for college and university students preparing to teach. Although it is a national organization of the state student education association, the basic unit is the college or university. The student NEA is an integral part of the National Education Association (NEA), just as local chapters, and state student education association are integral parts of the Student NEA.

The Student National Association of the Elizabeth City State Teachers College was chartered Oct. 30, 1959, as college chapter number 18. In tribute to the first president of the college, the local group has been named the P. W. Moore chapter. Mr. T. S. Jackson was the first sponsor.

The P. W. Moore chapter began its 1958-59 school year's program with an impressive induction ceremony at the home of the supervisor, Mrs. T. S. Jackson.

Before the end of the first half of 1958-59 college year, membership in the Student NEA had increased from 10 to 35 active participants. Evidence of benefits from leadership training received in the organization was shown in the type of programs and activities presented at Cale Street Youth Center in Elizabeth City.

The Cale Street Youth Center is a community centered project in which the SNEA members worked toward helping to prevent delinquency among children and youth in congested neighborhoods.

The Chapter established what it considers a landmark in its history last school session when it established for its second project the opportunity for charter members to do substitute teaching after completing their student teaching.

As an effective phase of the teacher education program, for this year the youthful group is attempting to keep pace with swiftly expanding program of the entire college community. In addition to efforts for increased voluntary membership, the current program also includes the launching of a membership campaign.

The members of the P. W. Moore Chapter believe the best is yet to come. So! why don't you, you and you join and help to make this a most rewarding year in the history of our college chapter.

OGDER L. FIDDEMON, President

## Expansion

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As a result of the curriculum expansion, there has been a pronounced increase in student enrollment. The student population now reaches a record-breaking of 558, as compared to 450 the past years. Yes, there has been a marked increase of students. Why? Simply because the students were attracted by an expansion of the curriculum. This increase of students reveals the established fact that a desire for knowledge is sought—a desire to prepare and equip themselves with the educational tools.

## Choir Organized For '59

The Elizabeth City State Teachers College Choir, under the direction of Miss E. A. Johnson, has been established for the school year of 1959-60. There are many indications that this year will be a most successful one for the group.

After having welcomed its old members back, as well as the many members from the freshman class, the choir has started to work diligently and cooperatively in order that it will be well prepared for the many engagements it will be expected to meet.

The choir is very happy to have Miss E. L. Davis of the college music department with us this year. Miss Davis has shown a great interest in the well being of the choir, and this year she will assist Miss Johnson as accompanist for the group.

On Sunday, September 25, 1959, the choir made its first public appearance of the year during the Vesper Services, singing "Good News", a traditional Negro Spiritual. The response to this appearance was indicative of the fact that the group is well on the way to a successful year.

B. R. James, J. Welch, reporters

## Dramatic Club News

On Tuesday evening, September 29, the Dramatic Club held its first meeting of the year in the Little Theater.

George Kitchen, president, presided. The club members heard a summary report of dramatic activities of last year. The program for this year was discussed and committees formed.

The group voted to continue bi-monthly meetings, the second and fourth Tuesdays, at 6:00 P. M.

New members welcomed by the president were: Mary Brothers, Charles Cherry, James Drew, George Griffin, Jeanette Hawkins, John Jordan, Mildred Langston, Alice Myrick, Valrie Palmer, Janice Pierce, Sylvia Reid, Leonard Slade and Phyllis Vick.

The Dramatic Club will hold auditions for additional members on Tuesday evening, October 13, at 6:00 P. M. in the Little Theater. All students who are interested in acting, costuming, make-up or staging are invited to try-out at this time.

—Algie Bridgette, Reporter

## The AKA's Welcome

On the evening of Tuesday, September 29, from seven o'clock until eight o'clock, the Freshman girls were invited to the AKA's Welcome. This welcome was very impressive. At the beginning of the party, everyone danced to records, played cards and became acquainted with the sisters in this sorority.

The sisters had dances, skits, poems and refreshments for the freshmen. Their welcome speeches were very touching. All of the freshman girls who attended this affair were very pleased.

Condemn the fault and not the actor of it?

William Shakespeare

## Dr. Ridley Is Vesper Speaker

The first vesper service for the school year 1959-60 was held in Moore Hall Auditorium with President Ridley as speaker.

President Ridley took for his topic, "Questions of Direction". He elaborated on three important questions which were: (1) Who sent you here? With this question in mind he asked such pertinent questions as: Did your parents bundle you up and send you here, did they think they could get along without you or was it the urge to become of service to someone? (2) Why are you here? Is it because it is easier than being at home, or because of the comfortable surroundings? (3) What must you do? Must you do whatever you can get away with, or must you do what will lead you to the greatest possible height you can achieve. The main part of the president's message was centered around the book "12 Things The Negro Must Do For Himself".

(1) The Negro must learn to put first things first, education, development of character traits, a trade and home ownership.

(2) The Negro must keep himself, his children and his home clean and make the surroundings in which he lives comfortable and attractive.

(3) The Negro must stop expecting God and white folks to do for him what he can do for himself.

(4) The Negro must learn to dress more appropriately for work and for leisure.

(5) The Negro must make his religion an everyday practice and not just a Sunday-go-to-meeting emotional affair.

(6) The Negro must highly resolve to wipe out mass ignorance.

(7) The Negro must stop charging his failures up to his "color" and to white people's attitudes.

(8) The Negro must overcome his job habits.

(9) He must improve his conduct in public places.

(10) The Negro must learn how to operate business for people—not for Negro people, only.

(11) The average so-called educated Negro will have to come down out of the air. He is too inflated over nothing. He needs an experience similar to the one that Ezekiel did.

(12) The Negro must stop forgetting his friends, "Remember." He climaxed his message by quoting Frederick Douglass: A race which cannot save its earnings, which spends all it makes and goes in debt when it is sick, can never rise in the scale of civilization, no matter under what laws it may chance to be.

If the time shall ever come when we shall possess in the colored people of the United States, a class of men noted for enterprise, industry, economy,

## In the Spotlight

Faculty, students and friends of the college were highly entertained when the Freshman Class on September 18 presented the annual Talent Show. The participants brought to the spotlight the many talents possessed by them in various fields.

In music there were vocal selections and instrumental numbers, all of which were outstanding. The selections portraying melodious and well trained voices included: "The Lass With The Delicate Air" by Shirley Sims of Goldsboro; "How Great Thou Art", a very inspiring number, Vernon Jones, Elizabeth City; "A Spirit Flower", Patricia Duren, Wilmington; "Serenade", Thelma Howard, Kinston; "You'll Never Walk Alone", Robert Norwood, Rocky Mount; and stirring the emotions with her sweet voice, Lenora Slade of Williamston sang "Summertime".

The instrumental selections showed skill and great power of concentration. These included a cornet solo by Phairlever W. Pearson of Newton, "Danny Boy", three piano selections: "Albumbblatt", Wilson Bryant, Elizabeth City; "Clair de Lune" by Denise Dildy, Gates; and Bach's "Two Part Invitation No. 1" by Shirley Simms.

Featuring dramatic talents were Leonard Slade, Jr. of Conway who captured the undivided attention of his audience as he recited James Weldon Johnson's "The Creation"; and John W. Jordan, Edenton, with his original poem, "I Can't Forget".

## Ques Plan Scholarship

The Lambda Gamma Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity plans to give, this year, a scholarship to a worthy freshman man who achieves a high scholastic average for the year.

The selection of this person will be based on a criteria which have not been completed.

Officers for the chapter this year are: James Swimpson, basileus; Henry Pickett, keeper of records and seals; and Paul James, keeper of finance.

## ANSWERS

1. A. The student can borrow up to \$5,000 during his academic career, on which he must pay an interest rate of 3 percent. If he teaches, however, 10 percent of his total loan is forgiven for every year he teaches, up to five years.
2. The launching by Russia in the fall of 1957 of the first space satellite caused considerable comment in the United States about the need for better scientific training for American youth.
3. Oregon in 1887.
4. According to the Constitution, members of the House of Representatives must be at least 25. A member of the Senate must be at least 30.
5. President Eisenhower.

and success, we shall no longer have any trouble in the matter of civil and political rights.



(Front row, left to right): President, Walter N. Ridley, Dean Charles Lyons, Jr., Miss Helen L. Pettis, Miss Estelle Hollemon, Dr. J. A. Eaton, Dr. C. W. Pettigrew. Second row: Mr. Thurston DeLaine, Mr. William A. Lipscomb, Mrs. Evelyn Harris, Mrs. C. E. Harrison. Back row: Mr. J. Lafayette Toles, Mr. Bernard Taylor, Mrs. Joyce Sherman, Mr. Robert Gunnell and Miss Esther Cooke.