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Elizabeth City State Teachers College Gets A New Look

Changes on the campus of the Elizabeth City State Teachers College so far this semester have been remarkable. The expansion of the curriculum and the general attitude of the students toward learning have shown marked improvement.

I can recall last year the twentieth of each month when veterans received their checks, there were fellows who never went to class the day after the twentieth. Such is not true this year. Under the new administration there is an assistant Dean of Men who helps to curb some of the deplorable situations.

Last year the canteen was very inadequate; the service was inefficient. This year the old canteen has been improved so that it stands as a Light-house where students may enjoy in different types of activities. They may study, play games and enjoy their snacks. An instructor is on duty from Monday through Friday to assist any student who wishes help in the solution of a problem.

The library hours were so arranged last year that on certain nights students did not have the use of the library. Often if one were given an assignment for the following day, he did not have use of the library facilities. The lighting was poor, and at times it was difficult to concentrate. This year fluorescent lights have been installed and library hours have been extended so that a student may go to the library regularly, not only during the day, but in the evening from Monday through Friday.

Let's Talk About S.T.C.

STC and the Community

Since 1891 Elizabeth City has been blessed with a school of higher learning (Normal School up until 1938), but can we truly say blessed, when we think of contributions it has made to its surrounding community.

Has Elizabeth City State College made a worthwhile contribution to Elizabeth City? Perhaps, this may be a strange question to ask, but let us face facts and gather statistics. How many classes has the college offered for those people who can not read? Does it try to help those people who can and should be helped?

Service Is Their Motto

Recently, I went into the business office here on the campus to see if I could get back some of the money which I had paid earlier in the month for room and board. This was done because I am now living off the campus.

The first thing that really impressed me was the manner in which I was greeted as I entered the door. "Yes, Mrs. Jones, may I be of service?" were the exact words of the business manager. It seemed to me that he was saying, "I am here to serve you as quickly and efficiently as possible. This office is for business only." Next he quickly scanned through his financial records and brought out my card. In a matter of minutes I had received my reimbursement.

This semester students seem more aware of their purposes for being in college. There were those who entered college aimless. They came to college because others were coming; it was the thing to do. However, most of these students were either dismissed from the college or put on probation.

Thus it became clear that ECSTC is no longer a place for shiftlessness and indifference, but a place about which graduates can proudly say, "I was graduated from ECSTC."

The new emphasis is not only on scholarship but upon improvement in the physical plant. The administration has procured money for the extension of the athletic field, installation of a telephone system, building of five faculty houses, renovation of the Dining Hall and completion of roads and walks.

"The presidency is a difficult job, and every four years the country is overrun with people declaring loudly that they have not the slightest intention of standing for the office."—Alex Atkinson.

The amount of money spent at business establishments is always mentioned in regard to contributions made by S. T. C., but what about the cultural part? Have we forgotten our fellowmen? What are we going to do to help eliminate juvenile delinquency, poverty, and crime in Elizabeth City?

S. T. C. is a school of higher learning and can do much to help raise the standards of the community. Within the confinement of S. T. C. is a vast body of knowledge, and this knowledge should be—im—can and must be used to alleviate mankind.

One of the reasons I wanted to write about this particular incident is to show the prompt and efficient service in this area.

Each time I pass the business office and see the sign "Business," I say to myself: That is exactly what it means, business.

—Aron B. Jones

But The View Was Bad

Friends at the club were complimenting the judge on his having been in a stooping posture at the time a missile whizzed over his head during an election riot.

"You see," remarked the judge, "had I been an upright judge, it might have been serious."

The New Year

What does the new year mean to you? Does it mean that the first semester is nearing an end and that in a short while you will be registering for the second? Or does it mean that more time has passed and that more is expected of you? New Year should be a time for everyone to stop and ask himself—What have I done with the Old Year? What do I anticipate during the new? It should also be a time for everyone to make new plans and resolutions which he plans to carry out during the year. Is it not true that we should first plan our work, then work our plans? Then why not take time out to set up an agenda for the year and strive to make this one of the happiest and most successful New Years?

This Is Life

Man comes into this world without his consent, and leaves it against his will. When he is little, the big girls kiss him; and when he is big, the little girls kiss him. If he is active in politics, he is no good to his country. If he makes a lot of money, he is dishonest; if he is poor, he is a bad manager. If he has no credit, he can't get it; if he is prosperous, everyone wants to do something for him. If he is religious, he is a hypocrite; if he doesn't go to the temple, he is a hardened sinner. If he gives to charity, it is for show; if he doesn't, he is a stingy cuss. If he is affectionate, he is a soft specimen; if he doesn't care for anyone, he is cold-hearted. If he dies young, there was a great future before him, if he lives to a ripe old age, he missed his calling. If he saves money, he is a tightwad; if he spends it, he is a spendthrift. If he has money, he is a grafter; if he hasn't got it, he's a bum. So what's the use?

Make People Like You

Many people, especially those who as teachers, politicians, doctors and social workers, have found it important to make people like them instantly.

As I see it, there is one significant rule of conduct which is tremendously profitable, if we will but obey it. But the moment this rule is broken, whether in one of the above or not, we are in endless trouble. This rule is always make the other person feel important.

It has been said by Professor John Dewey that the desire to feel important is the deepest urge in human nature. Such things as complimenting a club on a fine play, or a speaker on a speech, help to satisfy that urge. What does that urge want? Nothing, my friend. What do you gain? Many lifetime companions. Talk more to people about themselves. Pick out something that you like about them. . . . express it! Make them feel important. . . . mean it!

So, to you, you and you, these are just a few of the things that you can do to make people like you.

The Frown

No matter how bad she feels whether it is her toe or heart that aches, a girl should never frown. Instead she should exercise self control, because frowning is unnecessary, and it destroys beauty and charm.

Girls, this tip should be taken and welcomed, if you wish to step competently and gracefully into society as a beautiful young lady who catches the eyes of everyone.

A man owes it to himself to be a man successful. Once successful, he owes it to the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

A. P. Lester Chapter

Members of the A. P. Lester Alumni Chapter and their friends began their Christmas Holidays in festive fashion with a Pre-Christmas Party on December 4, at the Recreation Hut in Williamson, N. C.

Games and dancing were enjoyed by those attending, and an exchange of gifts climaxed the entertainment of the evening. Misses Rose Cherry and Mary Lewis, who are seniors at the college and at present are doing their student teaching at the E. J. Hayes school, were honored guests of the chapter.

Among the Christmas travelers to points North were the following Alumni members: Misses Ophelia Hargett, Annie Hassell and Mrs. Emaline Manson.

Mrs. C. G. Jones and Mrs. Jackson, Supervisors of Student Teachers were visitors at the E. J. Hayes School of Williamson and the East End School of Robersonville, recently.

Mr. William Honeyblue represented the Chapter at the Executive Meeting of the Alumni which was held at the college January 4.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Owens, Miss Annie Hassell, and Mr. and Mrs. William Honeyblue attended basketball games at the college recently and reported an enjoyable time.

Mrs. Armaza C. Roberson will be hostess to club on January 20th, its first regular meeting for 1960.

Wedding Anniversary Celebrated

Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Turner entertained friends and relatives at the "Little Palace" in Enfield, North Carolina on November 18.

The occasion was their fifteenth anniversary which was made very pleasant by the large number of persons present and the lovely gifts received.

Mrs. Turner (Cleo Whitaker) was a member of the class of '43; Mr. Turner, '45. They have two children. Theirs was an S. T. C. romance.

Hertford County News

The Hertford County Chapter of Elizabeth City State Teachers College presented the "Sea Vouettes" of Washington, D. C. on October 23 of the purpose of raising money to be used in giving scholarships to graduating seniors of the high schools in Hertford County who are desirous of attending S.T.C. and are accepted by recommendation of the screening committee of the chapter.

The Hertford County Chapter also anticipates its annual "Talent Hunt" March 16 at the Riverview Grade School, Murfreesboro, North Carolina, to help increase the amount given for scholarships.

Resolutions-Freshmen

As the yuletide season came to an end and weary but cheerful freshmen returned to school, they brought along with them determined hearts and resolutions for the new year.

By conversing with some of the freshmen I learned that quite a few had made resolutions to do all assignments, no matter how simple they may be. Others resolved to spend more time in the library. Many resolved to get to classes on time.

You see, we freshmen know what we are to do. We only were in need of encouragement and adjustment. The Christmas vacation was just the thing. During our vacation we got encouragement we needed both mentally and spiritually.

Hence, we propose to start this

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Wedding Bells

Carolyn Louise McArthur, '59 and Henry C. Porter, Jr. '58 were married in Soperton, Georgia, at the home of the bride's parents on December 31. Mrs. Beulah Dawson Carroway of La Grange, North Carolina, has announced the marriage of her daughter, Beulah Mae '58 to Mr. Major A. Moore of Kinston, North Carolina, on June 28, 1959.

In Memoriam

Recently two members of the Elizabeth City Alumni Chapter have passed: Mrs. Nannie P. Turner, teacher in the Annie E. Jones Elementary School, and Mrs. Catherine W. Brown, retired teacher of P. W. Moore High School.

Mrs. Nannie Perkins Turner of Elizabeth City, was a native of Elizabeth City, having lived for a number of years on Park Street. For more than thirty years, she had been a teacher in the public schools and had been devoted to the pleasant task of teaching young people.

She was the sister of two other alumni of S. T. C.: Mrs. Pauline Perkins Spruill, deceased; and Mr. Les Perkins, also deceased. Her husband, Nathan Turner, is a member of the College Staff.

Mrs. Catherine Whitehirst Brown of the family of the late Walter and Ellen Whitehirst, died in Bronx, New York, where she had been for about one year with her sister, Miss Mattie Whitehirst and brother, Brackett.

For many years she was an outstanding citizen of Elizabeth City and teacher in the Graded Schools of the city. Her cultural influence was felt by many of the young people of her community, and she served her generation well.

She was the wife of the late Cleon W. Brown, Attorney-at-Law, also deceased.

College Staff

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Dr. Kyle, will become a member of the Department of Education with special emphasis on Reading and Psychology. Mrs. Kyle is a graduate of Knoxville College and of the University of Pennsylvania. At Harvard University, she has completed all residential requirements for the doctor's degree with special training in reading.

Mrs. Kyle has vast experience in the student teaching phase of Teacher Education. Her addition will strengthen considerably the functioning of Elizabeth City's recently initiated off-campus student teaching program.

At the same time her responsibilities will be coordinated with the work of the Reading Clinic. Mrs. Kyle is in constant demand throughout the mid-west for her work in conducting reading clinics, and it is anticipated that she will make considerable off-campus contribution in the Elizabeth City area.

decade with a year that will remain in the history of S. T. C. for years to come. Dorothy White—63



And He said unto them, Where is your faith? — (St. Luke 8:25)

As Jesus Christ inquired of His disciples, so does He inquire of each of us this very day: "Where is your faith?" Without that faith, nothing is possible to us except frustration, unhappiness; with it, all good things are possible—for truly Faith is the Answer.