

## Two Editors Confer



Shown above are Mr. James Whitfield, State editor of the News and Observer and Henry Pickett, Editor of The Compass.

## State Editor Gives Assembly Message

State Editor James Whitfield of The News and Observer in an assembly sponsored by The Compass on January 19 emphasized the role of the press in a free society.

Mr. Whitfield expressed the belief that a policy against secrecy in government and keeping the public informed will keep the people of the United States free.

Believing the Kennedy policy against secrecy in government is true, Whitfield said, "The people, through a free press in a free society will know the truth, and the truth will keep them free." The speaker based his statement on a statement by Vice-President Lyndon B. Johnson before a group of national leaders.

In noting the important part the public plays in keeping the press free, Whitfield said "The public must be kept informed through its newspaper. It must think for itself and not have to rely entirely on the opinion of others."

He described the News and Observer as "long a friend of public education" and told how the newspaper fought to preserve public education and perpetuate its progress in the last gubernatorial campaign.

Concluding his speech, the speaker said that despite criticism of the American press, "the printed words of the newspaper do more to keep the public informed on life about them than any other media in the world."

## 'Making The All-American Team'

Mr. Charles Hugo Curl, Associate Professor of English at the Norfolk Division of Virginia State College, made an interesting Assembly speech recently on "Making The All-American Team." The program was sponsored by the English Department under the direction of Dr. Coragreen Johnstone, former instructor of Mr. Curl.

"Comparing the team in education with that in the world of sports," the speaker urged the students to make the highest achievement possible and qualify for the All-American Team. His knowledge of literature and keen sense of humor delighted the audience.

Beginning with emphasis on the need of literacy to interpret in the world today, he gave examples and illustrations to show how literacy has threatened our common welfare.

## Lighthouse Attractions

Members of the LIGHTHOUSE Program Committee are working planning for future events that not only members of the college family will enjoy, but second semester Freshmen as well.

During semester break, the GAMES COMMITTEE will present a Bingo Tournament. Prizes will be given to the winning contestants. All persons who remain at the college during this period will be invited to join in the tournament.

The FINE ARTS COMMITTEE is making plans for the presentation of a Candlelight Hour. Entertainment will include the reading of poems and other forms of inspiring literature.

The DANCE COMMITTEE is planning a matinee dance in the Lighthouse during semester break. Spurred music will be played under the direction of members of the Dance Committee.

The EXHIBITS COMMITTEE is hoping to display the art of Mr. Hugh Bullock, Art instructor at the college.

The FORUM COMMITTEE is planning to make a forum presentation near the beginning of the second semester. As of yet, a topic has not been selected, but it is possible that it will be centered around: STUDENTS want to KNOW, or NEGRO HISTORY WEEK.

The HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE is planning a Hospitality Coffee Hour which will take place in the Lighthouse.

All of these programs and activities are to take place in the Lighthouse.

As he continued, he spoke of the importance of skill, versatility, and composure in qualifying for a place on the team. "Literature," he said, "gives composure to the soul." Stressing teamwork, he further stated that in playing side by side with his schoolmates, the student comes to understand the power of literacy, skill, versatility and composure.

At the close of the assembly hour students in activities sponsored by the English Department met Mr. Curl at an informal reception in the Lounge of Hugh Cale Hall.

Here the time was pleasantly spent. An appetizing repast was enjoyed, and students and teachers exchanged ideas with Mr. Curl and Mr. J. Bowser who accompanied him. There was manifested a deeper appreciation of the relation of literature of life as a result of this experience.

# ECSTC Receives Full Accreditation From the Southern Association Colleges and Secondary Schools

## President Ridley, Initial Assembly Speaker

President Walter N. Ridley spoke to the college family in Moore Hall on January 6. His speech was a very appropriate one, dealing with the inauguration of Terry Sanford as governor of North Carolina, and an article by Robert O'Brien that appeared in the January issue of "The Readers Digest".

In quoting Governor Sanford, Dr. Ridley said "A second-rate education for our children can only mean a second-rate future for North Carolina. Quality education is the foundation of economic development of democracy and the needs and hopes of the nation."

Dr. Ridley stated that he believed these words coming from a southern governor on his inauguration day are historical words. "We are not going to forget, as we move into the challenging and demanding years ahead that no group of our citizens can be denied the right to participate in the opportunities of first class citizenship."

Moving to Mr. O'Brien's article, he said "There was a time when man could not predict the future, but now man has a machine that can predict the future to the split second."

In his discussion "How will 1970 be?" Dr. Ridley emphasized several points. Some of these points are: (1) the increase in population of the United States (2) the raising of the standard of living (3) entrance to colleges and universities and (4) an increase in enrollment at colleges and universities.

## Miss J. O. Rayner Passes

Outstanding member of the first graduating class of E.C.S.T.C., 1896, and Director of Symera Hall from 1921 to 1943, Miss Joanna Outlaw Rayner, died at her home on Bunney Avenue in Elizabeth City, January 21.

Funeral services were held at the Olive Branch Baptist Church on January 25, with the Reverend W. F. Elliott, pastor, delivering the eulogy. The College was represented by Dr. W. N. Ridley who gave words of praise for her record as a teacher in the public schools and as a member of the College Staff.

## European History Contest

Recently two classes in the Social Science Department competed with each other in the course, History of Western European Civilization. One of the classes meets from 8:30-5:00 MWF and the other from 8:30-2:00 T.H. Both classes consist primarily of freshman students from various parts of North Carolina and Virginia. The classes are under the instruction of Ansel P. Simpson, and in them the lecture note-taking method is used.

Performance on the following examinations was used to judge the winning class:

Section I: Definition (30) points; legacy, precedent, urban, artisan, apathy, balance of trade, Marcus Curtius, Mercendry, Diocletian, Constantine.

Section II: Enumerations (10) points; Geographic features serving as boundaries of the Roman Empire; Names of four Greeks who influenced Roman Civilization; The political organization of the Roman Empire, including names of officers and areas of supervision; Two characteristics of the western division of the Empire; Names of the four elements of the "vicious cycle"; Names of two Diocletian reforms.

Section III: Brief Essay (30) points; What present-day use of application is made of "Oedipus Tyrannus" (Continued on Page 3)

Elizabeth City State Teachers College is now fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Notification of this action by the Association was contained in a letter from Dr. Gordon W. Sweet, Executive Secretary of the Association, which indicated that all notations and questions have been removed from the name of Elizabeth City State Teacher College's listing in the accrediting Association's "APPROVED LIST." Such action by the rating association indicates that the college is now fully accredited. The college has been on the "APPROVED LIST" since 1947; however, its listing carried a notation indicating a question concerning meeting only two standards.

Dr. Sweet's letter also stated, "The Committee noted the real improvement that has been made and commends Elizabeth City State Teachers College for its progress."

As a result of this action, the college is listed in the U.S. Office of Education's 1960-61 Directory of Accredited Institutions of Higher Education along with other accredited colleges and universities.

When asked to comment on the significance of the Association's action, Dr. Walter N. Ridley, President of the College said, "On the basis of these circumstances, Elizabeth City State Teachers College will be considered for full membership in the Association at its December 1961 meeting. We now look toward elections."

Full accreditation usually precedes election of full association membership by one year.

## Student of the Issue



MARTHA PURVIS

Martha Purvis, a senior here at S.T.C., has been chosen Student of the Issue by the Compass Staff. She is outstanding in both academic and extracurricular activities.

Martha entered the Elizabeth City State Teachers College in the fall of 1957. She became a member of the Choir and Band and also secretary of the Sunday School. She pledged for the Delta Sorority and was elected president of The Pyramid Club. At the end of the school year, Martha received a prize for being the most active freshman young lady and for possessing outstanding personality traits.

While a sophomore, Martha became a Delta and also president of Bias Hall.

In her junior year, Martha was elected president of the Junior Class and vice-president of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. She was a Junior Counselor.

Martha was re-elected for the office of president of the Senior Class and (Continued on Page 3)

## The Christmas Tree Ceremony

The annual Christmas festivities began with the Christmas Tree Ceremony on December ninth at six thirty.

The ceremony was held on the portico of Williams' Hall, with Mr. Carl Franklin presiding. The ceremony began with the playing of "Silent Night" by the band, arranged by the group. Miss Margie Cole, a sophomore, read the prayer. The choir sang "When Christmas Day is Done" directed by Miss Shirley Sims, a senior.

President Ridley spoke on "The Significance of Christmas Tree Lighting." Dr. Ridley pointed out that Christmas Tree lights are burned to symbolize thankfulness, courtesy, and happiness. "Men of good will," stated Dr. Ridley, "also use lights as a symbol of good will and hope."

Mr. George Patterson, a sophomore, lead the song, "Wasn't that a Mighty Day." The meaning of Christmas Festival" was read by Miss Peggy McMillan, a sophomore.

The band played "Joy to the World," and the program was concluded with the caroling of students around the campus.

## If At First

If at first you don't succeed  
You're not alone, by far!  
Other folks have failed before  
They reached the distant star.

Many souls have persevered  
Until their dreams came true.  
They kept trying and they won—  
Which means that you can too!

—Mary Goodman

## European History Class



Shown above are the winners of the European History Contest. Delores Moore, Ranking top in the class, is shown receiving the scroll for the class from Dean Charles Lyons, Jr. while Prof. Ansel Simpson looks on.