

ALUMNI NEWS

Johnston County Chapter

The Johnston County Chapter of Elizabeth City State Teachers College has been organized and active for several years. There are thirty-two graduates in Johnston County. Thirty are teaching in seven of the eight County schools.

Some 1960-61 activities are: Homecoming Queen, Mrs. Ruth Overton; contribution \$120.00. Club Brothers and Sisters Christmas Party held in the Richard B. Harrison High School for the exchange of gifts. Alumni Family Picnic May 11, 1961. THREE meetings per term.

Club Officers are: President—Robert E. Harvey; Vice President, Ernest R. Davis (Husky); Secretary—Mrs. Josephine Gray; Treasurer—Mrs. Merlyn W. Lytle; Reporter—Mrs. Caroline Banks.

SCHOOLS 26 CLUB MEMBERS AND

Bagley School,

Kent, N. C.
Mrs. Olive W. Beckwith
Mrs. Doris Blackwell
Mrs. Earlona S. Davis
Bennie L. Williams, Principal

Forest Hill High School Four Oaks, N. C.

Mrs. Rebecca S. Cogwell
Miss Margaret Coley
Mrs. Helen Rowe Holt

Johnston County Training School Smithfield, N. C.

Mrs. Esther D. Harvey
Mrs. Mary Lucille Hearty

Princeton Graded School Princeton, N. C.

Mrs. Caroline Banks

Richard B. Harrison High School Selma, N. C.

Mrs. Carolyn Everett
Mrs. Josephine Gray
Mrs. Merlyn W. Lytle
Mrs. Ruth P. Overton
Mrs. Vernita S. Parker
Mrs. Ethel Patrick
Mrs. Vivian S. Williams
Martin L. Wilson, Principal

Short Journey School Smithfield, N. C.

Mrs. Eva J. Cooper, Principal
E. B. Davis
Mrs. Vernice G. Eggleston
Robert E. Harvey
Mrs. Dollie McNeill Sanders
Mrs. Rosa Brown Sanders

Special Education (Speech) Johnston County

Mrs. Nonie Merritt Jones

Springfield High School Lucama, N. C. (Wilson County)

Mrs. Sadie S. Bennett

Advisory Budget Commission

The Advisory Budget Commission has recommended a total appropriation at ECSTC of \$1,700,000 in operating expenses and approximately \$1,200,000 for capital outlays during the 1961-63 biennium. Included in the recommended capital outlays are a 150-room men's dormitory, a student center, and the classroom building along with other renovations and improvements.

This shows considerably progress from the \$800,000 recommended for the 1957-59 biennium.

"The first message over the first telegraph line was 'What God wrought!' From outer space 117 years later . . . 'The machine works perfectly . . . Icarus, fly not too high!'—Margaret Beck McCallum, Hanover (N. H.) Gazette.

President Visits Brooklyn Alumni Chapter

The Brooklyn Alumni Chapter of ECSTC held a dinner at the Brass Rail in Brooklyn, New York on Saturday, April 22. More than 150 alumni and friends of the college were present. The chapter presented the President of the college who told them of the developments and future plans of the college.

The President reported that this dinner and the meeting with this alumni after the dinner were some of the finest activities he has witnessed.

Alumni Chapter Holds Last Regular Yearly Meeting

The Hertford County Alumni Chapter of Elizabeth City State Teachers College held its last regular meeting of the school year on Monday night, May 15, at The Vann High School, Ashokie, N. C.

The Members voted to award this year's scholarship of one hundred dollars to Miss Mary Ellen Mizell who is graduating from R. L. Vann with an Average of 91.6. She will receive this award for four years provided she maintains a "B" average. The chapter is also aiding Miss Janice Pierce and Miss Alice Hale with hundred dollar scholarships each and they, too, will continue to be helped if they maintain a "B" average.

Hertford County Alumni Chapter Observes Annual Sunday Service

The Hertford County Chapter of The Elizabeth City State Teachers College Alumna Association, Inc., held its Annual Alumni Service on Sunday, April 30, at the First Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, N. C. The guest speaker was Dr. Carl Franklin, head of the business education department and chairman of The Public Relation Division of the College. His subject was "Alumni and Alma Mater, A Mutual Responsibility". Music was furnished by the Riverview Graded School Glee Club under the directions of Mrs. Bernice Ashe and Mrs. R. J. Pierce. Refreshments were served after the program. Mrs. Franklin and daughter accompanied Mr. Franklin to the service.

Science Club Formed

Recently, students who are majoring in science organized a Science Club. Officers elected were: Roscoe Hager, president; Selma Register, vice-president; Evelyn Boddie, secretary; Celeste Carr, assistant secretary; Stewart Vick, treasurer; Clarence E. Biggs, reporter, and Robert Baker, parliamentary. The name given was "SOS" or Student of Science Club.

Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Prather, Mrs. Franklin, Mrs. Muldrow and Mr. Stallworth are immediate advisors to the group.

Although it is growing late in the school year, members are making a good start toward success for this relatively new organization. Some of the things that they look forward to doing are: making use of film and film strips that will further explain the field of science, making use of the available audio-visual aids, going on field trips to explore the scientific world and discussing articles from current magazines.

With the whole-hearted effort of each science major, it is hoped that the Science Club will mean a great deal to the college as a whole.

Pity the poor clerkman who brought a used car and didn't have the vocabulary to run it.



MR. B. L. WILLIAMS



MRS. ROMAINE SWINSON

Bagley Principal Is Community Leader

Outstanding among principals in Johnston County is Bennie L. Williams.

His early training was received in Elizabeth City, North Carolina where he completed courses at the P. W. Moore High School and also at the Elizabeth City State Teachers College. As a teacher, he began work at the Richard B. Harrison High School in Selma, North Carolina. After a few years of good work there, he received a promotion to the principalship of the Princeton Graded School. When the new consolidated elementary school was erected at Bagley in Johnston County, Bennie Williams was chosen principal.

He has been a leader in educational affairs in his community having served as president of the Principals Schoolmasters Club; president of the Johnston County Unit of the Elizabeth City State Teachers College Alumni; chairman of the Constitution Committee of the Johnston County Teachers Unit; also as a member of the Local, State, and National Education Association.

Active in religious and civic affairs, he keeps in touch with his home and school communities. He is a member of the Bethlehem Baptist Church of Norfolk, Virginia, his native home; a member of the Masonic Lodge of Selma; and a Sunday School teacher of the First Missionary Baptist Church of Selma.

Mr. Williams keeps in touch with the youth also through the Boy Scouts of America. He is the Division Chairman of the Johnston County Boy Scouting Unit, and, in addition, is Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 136 of the Bagley Elementary School. He is continuing his studies toward the Masters degree in Education at the North Carolina College at Durham, North Carolina.

The Social Studies Class Presented "The Negro In American Culture"

The members of the class in Social Studies Method presented the "Negro in American Culture" in a recent assembly hour with all the members of the class participating.

Several spirituals were sung and prayer was rendered by Thomas H. Hodges.

Tableau — The Great Emancipator was given by Adron Jones with Margaret Russell as narrator.

An interesting skit, "The Fish Fry"—A scene from *Green Pastures* was presented. "Let America Be America Again" was done through choral speaking.

"Two dances, "The Early Twenties" and "Saint Louis Blues," were beautifully done by Morgan Jackson and

Mrs. Romaine Goldey Swinson

Mrs. Romaine G. Swinson, the oldest child of the five daughters and three sons of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Godley of Pantego, North Carolina, received her early childhood education in Beaufort County.

Mrs. Swinson did her high school work at the Beaufort County High School at Pantego, North Carolina.

She did one year of undergraduate work at North Carolina College at Durham, but changed schools to take up work at Elizabeth City State Teachers College, where she earned her B.S. Degree. On completing her work, she was employed by the Washington County Board of Education at Plymouth, North Carolina. She remained there until she was married to G. T. Swinson of Snow Hill, North Carolina. She then accepted work with him at the Belhaven School, Belhaven, North Carolina, where she remained until a one-year leave gave her a teaching position in Greene County, the birthplace of her husband.

The following year found her re-joining her husband's faculty at Belhaven, North Carolina. Mrs. Swinson remained on the Belhaven School faculty until her husband accepted employment as principal of the Shawton High School in Lillington, North Carolina. She then accepted work on his faculty, where she remains as of today.

Since her chief aim was to instill high qualities of culture in her students, she set out to improve herself professionally—thus gaining the Master of Arts Degree at Teachers College, Columbia University. She is currently connected with many civic, religious and educational organizations.

With these experiences, she is well-equipped to do a high quality of work which is so much in demand.

The Mamie L. Turner Alumni Chapter Organized

On February 8, 1961, the members of the Duplin County Alumni Chapter were called together by Mr. W. E. Boney, teacher and bandmaster at the Rose Hill Elementary School, Rose Hill, North Carolina.

The group met at the home of Mr. Thomas Roberts, teacher in the Chinquinn Elementary School.

Mr. Boney expressed his deep interest in the college and the progress being made there, which he observed while attending "Homecoming." The group was very much impressed with the information given by Mr. Boney.

Plans for meeting and activities were outlined.

The following officers were elected:

President: Mr. W. E. Boney
Vice President: Thomas Roberts
Secretary: Miss Addie P. Hodges
Treasurer: Miss Cornelia Best
Chairman Program Committee: Mrs. Mary Mathis Miller

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On March 8, 1961, the Duplin County Alumni Chapter met at the home of Miss Cornelia Best, teacher in the E. E. Smith High School, Kenaville, North Carolina.

Further plans for the year were made.

Miss Cornelia Best suggested that the chapter be changed to the Mamie L. Turner Chapter in honor of one who has given her service to the college, ex-Executive Secretary of the General Chapter, retired supervisor of Duplin County Schools, and a community builder. All agreed to change the name. Mrs. Turner expressed her appreciation for such honor.

Members present were: Mr. W. E. Boney, Mrs. Thomas Roberts, Mrs. Mamie L. Turner, Mrs. Beatrice K. Martin, Miss Addie P. Hodges, and Miss Cornelia Best.

Mrs. Beatrice K. Martin was appointed to serve as reporter.

Inspiration Day Observed

The Northeastern School Masters Club presented its annual Northeastern District Elementary Inspiration Day on April 27 at Elizabeth City State Teachers College.

The program began at 10:00 a.m. at which time the following subject matter tests were given: arithmetic, grade 5; science, grade 6; social studies, grade 7; and spelling, grade 8.

The second part of the program began at 11:00 a.m. in Williams Hall Gymnasium. Dr. Walter Ridley welcomed the schools. This part consisted of Creative Dances, Declarations, Choral Groups, a Scout Demonstration, Oral Readings, Rhythm Bands, Physical Education Activities, a Folk Dance Group, Majorettes and Baton Twirling.

People are always blaming their circumstances for what they are. I don't believe in circumstances. The people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for the circumstances they want, and, if they can't find them, make them.

George Bernard Shaw

Why is it that the fellow who has an hour to kill always spends it with someone who doesn't?

group. A skit from *Nirde Forward Freedom* by Martin Luther King was presented by several members of the class. The skit showed how boycotts, sit-in and kneel-in demonstrations can help as means of achieving equal rights.

An honor roll of great personalities was portrayed by members of the class. The narrator was Mae Baker.

The program was concluded with a very enlightening speech by Helen C. Johnson entitled "Youth Speaks." She brought out the point that the torch of freedom has been passed on to a new generation, and as a new generation we should do our part to keep the torch lighted.