



Christmas Doings On Our Campus

The Christmas activities on the campus of Elizabeth City State Teachers College this season were numerous and provided for a week of "joy and glad tidings" which members of the college family and friends in the community enjoyed!

The Annual Christmas Tree-Lighting Ceremony was on December 15, at 6:30 p.m. on the portico of Williams Hall. Dr. Walter N. Ridley officially opened the celebration of Christmas when he turned on the lights. This was the fourth consecutive Tree-Lighting ceremony. He addressed the audience on "Tree-Lighting—An American Tradition."

The College Choir, under the direction of Miss Evelyn Johnson, and the Brass Ensemble, directed by Mr. William Ryder, provided the music. Mr. Rueben Braxton of the Social Science Department presided. The audience joined in the singing of "Joy to the World" at the close of the program.

Festivities continued Saturday night from 7:00 until 11:00 p.m., students were entertained at the various dormitories on the campus in a series of parties progressing from Bias Hall, freshman dormitory to Symera Hall, West Lodge, Doles Hall and ending at Hugh Cale Hall, the faculty dormitory.

On December 16, at 9:00 a.m., the Sunday School Hour was devoted to the observance of Christmas. Dr. Ridley

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In Answer to A Promise

The Reverend Harold Braxton from Virginia State College was the speaker for Vesper Hour on December 9, at 6:00 p.m. His speech, "In Answer to a Promise," brought back true meaning of Christmas.

Reverend Braxton stated that man has too much pride and as a result, he believes that he can put himself in God's place. To follow this idea, it is necessary to go back to the time of Adam and Eve who were told by the serpent that if they ate the fruit, they would take God's place. Pride has a tendency to rule concepts in the mind of man.

Christmas is the coming of Christ. However, for many people it is commercialized, while for others it is nothing. Instead of the religious meaning of Christmas, the new wardrobe and the coming of Santa Claus seem to be extremely essential.

"Man has great potentialities but is a failure and is guilty of not exercising dominion over himself." Reverend Braxton went on to state that a promise should be described as being two fold. The first fold, being a curse shows a conflict between evil and good. Man is definitely involved in this world full of sin since in many cases he is greedy and overfed, while others need this food and are underfed. There are only a few ways in which the world is full of sin and evil continued the speaker. The second fold is a blessing in which man may be saved if he believes in the son of God. Reverend Braxton concluded by saying that Christmas brings us the message that everybody is somebody and that we can redeem ourselves. Man can again remember that in spite of the depressions in life, all of it is worth living.

Board of Higher Education Meet

Members of the Board of Higher Education of the State of North Carolina held a meeting at the College on November 30.

At the close of the morning session the visitors were served dinner in The Captain's Cabin where they joined Faculty representatives and engaged in discussion. They expressed pleasure at the progress made by the institution in enrollment, extension of the academic program and improvement in general and challenged the college to work for excellence in education. Major L. P. McLendon, Chairman of the Board of Higher Education made the principal speech, and the response was given by Dr. Coragrene Johnstone, Chairman of the Department of English.

Others present were: Dr. William C. Archie, Director of the Board; Mr. Howard Boozer, Assistant Director; Mr. Kenneth Bachelor, Assistant Director of Finance; and Attorney W. J. Kennedy, Jr. Also Mr.

Distinguished Educators Visit College



Left to right—Major L. P. McLendon, Chairman of Board of Higher Education; Dr. William C. Archie, Director of Board of Higher Education; Dr. W. N. Ridley, President of the College; and Mr. McDonald Dixon, Chairman of Board of Trustees of the College

McDonald Dixon, Chairman of the Elizabeth City College Board of Trustees; Mr. Roland Garrett, Vice-Chairman; Dr. C. B. Jones, Member;

Mayor Levin Culpepper of Elizabeth City; Senator N. Elton Aydtlett and Dr. Ben Fountain, Superintendent, Elizabeth City.

S.T.C. Alumus International Success

In August 1959, after graduating from S. T. C., Henry R. Fields enlisted in the Army spending eleven months at Fort Dix, New Jersey where he won recognition in basketball and track.

In track he set the Fort Dix First Army high jump records by jumping 6 feet 5 inches. In basketball with equal success he led the First Army to a championship and was selected to tryout for the All-Army Team at San Francisco.

June 28, 1960, Fields arrived at Orleans, France, about 60 miles from Paris where he competed in the High Jump and won the U. S. Army Championship of Europe, while setting a new France Military record with a jump of 6 feet 5 inches. Also in basketball his team, the IRM, won the Championship of Europe.

Twice he was selected to the United States Military Team.

Fields completed his military services six months ago, but he decided to remain in Paris with IBM firm, playing basketball with the IBM and Paris University Clubs. He is also studying the French language at night.

His travel has carried him through most of Europe. In September, 1962, he spent some time in Poland, Belgium, Monaco, Holland, Germany, France and Italy. For two weeks he was in Istanbul, Turkey.

At the present he is on E.C.S.C. campus assisting Coach Vaughn with

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Christmas Message

TO: Staff and Students of the College

FROM: Walter N. Ridley, President

DATE: December 12, 1962

As we approach the Christmas Holiday Season, let us remember our blessings—blessings in our personal growth, blessings in the growth of our college, blessings in the triumph of love over prejudice, and blessings in the international peace in the world which could be much less.

As you go to be with your families, please carry warmest greetings from Mrs. Ridley, Yolanda, Don, and me. I am very thankful that my family will be together here in Elizabeth City this Christmas.

Remember whose birthday Christmas is. Remember that as we approach His life and teachings we become more what we profess to want to become. Remember us in your prayers as we will you in ours. Have a sincere, pleasant and safe holiday—let us return with the resolve to make the best of the New Year.

Thirty-Four Student Teachers at Work

Under the supervision of Mr. U. S. Lane, thirty-four happy persons were recently sent out from Elizabeth City State Teachers College to do student teaching. These students are facing one of the most challenging subjects of the world—today's modern youth.

Of the thirty-four, twenty-four are majors in elementary education and are placed in the following schools:

Annie E. Jones School, Elizabeth City, N.C.; Margie Ann Cole, fifth grade; Julia Nell Congleton, fourth grade; Oula Mumford, sixth grade; and Helen Louise Sims, third grade. Buckland Elementary School, Gates, N.C.; Mary Lee Faison, fourth grade; and Samuel Hubbard, sixth grade.

C. S. Brown School, Winton, N.C.; Rudolph Ruffin, sixth grade; and William Harold Baum, seventh grade.

Edenton High School, Edenton, N.C.; Mse Ester Baker, fourth grade; Helen Louise Boone, fifth grade; Jean Esther Darden, sixth grade; and JoAnn Hyman Jackson, second grade. King Street Elementary School, Hertford, N.C.; Ernestine Lyons, second grade.

Pasquotank Elementary School, Elizabeth City; Mary Elizabeth Davis, sixth grade; Peggy MacMillan Jones, seventh grade; Miriam Faye Little, first grade; Abuse Murrick, sixth grade; Edna Lee Scott, sixth grade; and Barbara Jean Wallace, fourth grade.

T. S. Cooper School Sunbury, N.C.; Henry James Land, seventh grade; and Howard Morris, fourth grade.

H. L. Trigg Elementary School, Elizabeth City; Hazel Dukes Harrell, third grade; Deshae Stinner Hassell, fourth grade and fifth grade; and Jean Harlow Manley, second and third grades.

Other persons who are majors in secondary education are placed in the following schools:

C. S. Brown High School, Winton, N.C.; Daniel Jones and Janice Pierce, both English majors.

Central High School, Gatesville, N.C.; Charles Cherry, an English major.

Marian Anderson High School, Belcross, N.C.; Louvella Lee, Social Science major; and Rosa Stokes, an English major.

P. W. Moore High School, Elizabeth City; Catherine Daughtrey, Physical Education major; John Jordan, Leonard Slade, and Barbara J. Vaughn, English majors.

To all of these brave, young students, much luck in their endeavors.

Those we love and those who love us, if only for an instant, never quite escape from us, nor we from them.

For Christmas

What do I wish for Christmas?

Bounty at every board,
The traveler safe on his journey,
A world without gun or sword,
Virtue where youth assembles,
Kindness instead of hate,
Truth from the heads of nations,
Honor in halls of state,
Pride and respect in working,
Light in the streets of men,
No child without love and comfort
And peace in the world again.

—Maude L. Cain

X-Ray Unit on E. C. Campus

The mobile x-ray unit of the Pasquotank - Pequigans - Camden Tuberculosis Association was on the campus of Elizabeth City State Teachers College on Wednesday, December 12 and Thursday, December 13, from 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Dr. W. N. Ridley, president of the college, stated in announcing the presence of the mobile unit on the campus, "We are fortunate this year in having the x-ray unit come to our campus affording us the opportunity for chest examinations for our entire student body, faculty and staff. We are confident that every member of the college community will afford himself of the opportunity in the interest of the general welfare of our community and for the individual benefit of each individual."

Schedules were set up on Tuesday, December 11, providing the release of all students, faculty and staff at convenient times to avail themselves of this opportunity.



By Lorraine Walker