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## "A Happy Departure"

As we depart—from this campus for the Christmas and New Year holidays, we leave with much happiness and cheerfulness. Some of us will be going home for the first time during the school year. It is the wish of the entire Compass Staff that this Christmas will be the best for each of you. We hope the New Year will bring about new and constructive changes in each of our lives.

Behind the Christmas goes many thoughts. Thoughts of the birth of Christ and the happiness brought to all mankind. This is the kind of goodness that should pass through the hearts of all and bring peace to unstable homes, love to unwanted children, hospitality to our visitors, happiness to the sad, and everlasting brotherhood to all mankind. This is the true spirit of Christmas.

All of you will not have a happy Christmas. Some will not have plenty of food on the table or receive fabulous gifts. Others will be quite glad to get back to school

and enjoy the warmth of their friends.

Christmas is not when there is food on the table or the receiving of gifts. It is the feeling of knowing that you've given your love and understanding to all who wish it. It is the feeling of knowing that you have your good health and can thank God for it.

The New Year should also mean something to you. It should represent a new starting point for the lost; a point of continuation for those making progress. To some it will mean only that they will have aged another year.

This is the period of a new resolution, which we almost always break.

Even though resolutions are frequently broken, they are always good to make because they give you something towards which to work. Make your resolutions, you just might keep them.

The Compass extends a Merry Christmas to all Alumni members, friends, and families. May this New Year be the best ever.

## Greetings From The Student Council

To you, the Student Council extends Seasonal Greetings. With the holidays just before us, we sincerely hope that this will be the most joyous Christmas ever and the New Year will be the most prosperous.

As you leave for the holidays, remember that you still have the

rest of the school year before you and much of what you do may influence your future activities at this school.

Remember also that it is through giving that we receive. However, don't give your life on the highway. Drive carefully and return safely to campus. It is hoped that we will all see each other at the beginning of the New Year.

Once more, "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Vernon Perry  
Student Council President

## What Do You Want for Christmas?

By Vivian Thornton

Christmas is the time of the year when all of us look forward to giving and receiving. Many of us look more for receiving than giving. We want to know what our parents, girlfriends, boyfriends, or associate will give us. Hints are often given as to what you would like the gift to be. Many of you don't think of the season as it is, but merely look under the tree to see how large the box is that is supposedly yours.

Instead of looking for ties, watches, sweaters, rings, or the like, ask for good health, understanding of others, sympathy and charity toward others, wisdom and faith. Such things as these are worthwhile gifts and can never be replaced. One of the most useful gifts is that of drawing closer to God.

As you board the bus for home, go with set goals in your heart. Resolve that you will return from the Yuleide season with a better life and that you will be an example for men to follow.

## SMENC Features "Messiah"

by Claudette Moore

George Handel's oratorio "Messiah," was the main feature at the December meeting of the ECSC Student Chapter (no 374) of the M.E.N.C.

After Vice President Vinnia Nicholson opened the meeting, Willis Langley gave a synopsis of Handel's life.

Victoria Wilson and Claudette Moore introduced and analyzed the parts of the "Messiah" which are, the prophesy, the birth, teaching and crucifixion of our Lord. Finally, the members listened to different parts of the oratorio.

Among the most inspirational selections heard were "Comfort ye" and the well known "Hallelujah Chorus."

The meeting seemed to be an interesting and most inspiring one. SMENC marches on!

## Letters to The Editor

Dear Friends:

I am teaching in Cleveland, Ohio. I am teaching three sections which are Bookkeeping II, Typing I and Salesmanship which was really a great surprise.

The school has a well integrated program.

I am living in the home of Mrs. Blanche Williams in a very nice neighborhood, only five blocks from the school. I walk to and from school everyday.

I trust that the Business Department, and everyone is doing just fine. I hope that you will fully enjoy the Christmas Season. May God forever bless and keep you.

Love  
Fay Salley '65

Fellow Students:

First, to the student body, I deeply appreciate your selecting me as your "Miss Sadie Hawkins" for the year 1965-66.

Secondly, I commend the Physical Education Department for presenting an enjoyable, gay and well-planned Sadie Hawkins Affairs. A special comment must be added about the prizes that were presented to all of the many contest winners.

I am sure that this splendid occasion will stimulate the students and motivate them into attending and participating in the 1966-67 Sadie Hawkins Activities.

—Elizabeth Strickland

## "The Tree That Bends in the Wind Never Breaks"

The long road of life is dangerous and tiresome. Obstacles, abstract problems, complex situations are all a part of the scene.

On this road of life are different trees of varied origins, shapes, colors and size but all are branches of a particular pattern. There are small trees that are fragile and easy to break, large ones with no resistance to the outside force and the small and large that bend with the wind and never break.

The tree that stands solely alone amidst a storm and is subject to all outside forces makes a good appearance but soon falls like all the rest. The small tree with strength beyond compare flows with the changes of the wind and accepts the outside force. This force then yields with contemplation. The tree that bends in the wind never breaks.

—Carol Marcella Miller

## Faculty Notes

Mr. Dale E. Henderson, Assistant in the President's Office, attended a conference on the recent Higher Education Act, held in Washington, D.C. at the Statler Hotel, November 23. Later, Mr. Henderson journeyed to Pfeiffer College (Misenheimer) for a state meeting on college work-study programs.

Registrar Taylor E. Jones accompanied President Walter N. Ridley to a conference attended by representatives of administrative and admissions officers of college. The December 9 session at Duke University was highlighted by discussion of "College Admission and Interpretation of test Scores."

## Who...? Where...? What...?

Each issue of the Compass will publish information about graduates in this column. Members of the alumni are invited to submit information about what they are doing and where, to the Office of Information Box 92, Elizabeth City State College 27909.

Ruben Buggs, '65, an Industrial Arts major is teaching at Fairmont Height's High, North East Washington, D. C. He is also chairman of the Industrial Arts Department. He was a member of the Light-house Social Committee, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, College Drill Team, and the Industrial Art Association.

Winfred E. Simpson, '65 General Science major, is teaching at Roanoke Elementary School, Manto, North Carolina. He is also Principal of this school.

Winnie Mae Smith, '65, Elementary Education major is teaching at Flower Street Elementary School, Berlin, Maryland. She was a member of the Student N.E.A.

Faye E. Salley, '65, Business Education major is teaching at John Adams High School, Cleveland, Ohio. She was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Sec. of Student Council 1964-65, appeared in 1964-65 issue of *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities* and President of Thalia Sorosis Club 1963-64.

Barbara Jean Bynum Class of '65 Elementary Education major is teaching at Speight High School, Wilson, North Carolina. She was a member of Student N.E.A. and Student Christian Association.

Luther Oliver Gibbs, Jr., '65, Elementary Education major is teaching at J. Murray Jeffrese Elementary School, Charlotte Court House, Virginia. He was a member of Men's Government Association, Omega Fraternity (Lamp) and member of Tennis Team.

## Monk's Solution to The Slum Problems

By Mary Monk

I think that if the United States would clean up her own back yard, she will not have time to interfere with other countries.

There are many ways to clean up the slums in the United States. I shall discuss a few.

The government could clear land and build houses on this land for the people that are living in the slum areas, then condemn these houses in which the people lived. The people could also raise money to help the government fix up these houses.

Another way to clean up those slum areas is for the people of that area to form a committee and call this committee "The Community Club for Cleanness."

After forming this club, they should go from house to house and discuss this program with

every family of that community. After discussing this with each different family let them sign a petition that they are willing to clean up the slum area in which they live.

The community club should also inform the government of their plans, and ask for help. I know if they want to clean out these slum areas the people can do it.

I know there are some people who feel that "why should I help clean up this place, when this is not my house in which I am living." Well they shouldn't feel that way, because after all they are helping to buy the house, or maybe have already bought the house; if they have stayed there over a period of years, why not clean up the place in which they live.

The government is doing a little, but not as much as it should. Instead of tearing down the houses that can wait, get those that need to be done away with right away, and the United States would progress in the way of beauty.

The government should look into this matter of slum areas, and be more willing to help the people move up, rather than to pull them down.

## Cadet Teachers—Where They Are

(Continued from Nov. issue)

- East End (Robersonville)  
Nellie Johnson
- Pasquotank (Elizabeth City)  
Willie Francis  
William Lewis  
Lubertha Smith  
David Freeman  
Sarah Jordan  
Maxine Outlaw  
Wilder Taylor  
Sadie Foye  
Jean Weaver
- Currituck Union (Maple)  
Geraldine Sykes Jones  
Ernest Wilkins, Jr.  
Willie M. Jones  
Portia Perry

- Annie E. Jones (Elizabeth City)  
Helen Johnson  
Faleese M. Jenkins  
Julia Whitehurst
- H. L. Trigg Elem. (Elizabeth City)  
Mildred L. Lawrence  
Lenora Jarvis  
Maxine Moody

- P. W. Moore (Elizabeth City)  
Robert Thomas  
Wilson Goode  
Ralph Roland  
Eloise Bishop  
Hattie Howard  
Joseph Brown  
Bessie M. Carr  
Pecolia Etchinson  
Geraldine Lewis  
Georgia Brooks
- Darden High School (Wilson)  
Matthew Freeman

## Local Band Receives Trophy

The P. W. Moore High School Band recently received outstanding recognition in an out-of-town Christmas parade.

On December 2, the band journeyed to Hertford and participated in the annual Christmas Parade sponsored there by the local Chamber of Commerce.

The band, under the direction of Mr. McCray Bussey, was noted as the best-playing, best-marching, and most outstanding band in the parade. For this recognition, it received a beautiful trophy to carry back to the home of the Lions, P. W. Moore High School.

The majorettes received an added recognition and were named runners up as outstanding in their performance. They received a blue ribbon.

Mr. Calvin R. Paige, principal of the school, was filled with pride upon receipt of the news of the trophy and ribbon.

The director, Mr. Bussey, came to Elizabeth City in September of this year. He is a native of Rocky Mount, N.C.