

# FOUNDER'S DAY-NEW



**DR. WELCH, '44 AND PRESIDENT RIDLEY DISCUSS PROGRAM**



**ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE ON FOUNDERS DAY**



**DR. RIZPAH WELCH DINE AT LUNCHEON WITH HER HUSBAND**

On Sunday, February 25, Elizabeth City State College celebrated Founders Day commemorating the seventy-seventh anniversary of the college. Events of the day included a special luncheon attended by descendants of the college founders and other guests. Among guests attending the luncheon were Mr. McDonald Dixon, Chairman of the board of trustees of the college. Also present were Dr. C. B. Jones, Sr., Mr. John Bias, and Mr. Wilson Martin, members of the Board of Trustees. Representing the college alumni was Mrs. Elaine W. Perry '54, president of General Alumni Association, Raleigh.

Following the luncheon, the annual pilgrimage to the grave sites of the college founders took place. Ceremonies at the grave sites included prayer by the Rev. R. I. Boone, college minister, and hymns sung by the college choir directed by Miss Evelyn A. Johnson. Mrs. Louise G. Cox, '41, and Mr. Bernard L. Peterson representing the faculty, placed a wreath at the grave site of Hugh Cale, the Negro legislator who introduced the Bill for the founding of the College. Next a wreath was placed at the grave site of Dr. Peter W. Moore, first president, by Mrs. Bessie M. Wesley, his daughter, and Charles Freeman representing the student body. Mrs. Elizabeth B. Cofield, daughter of Dr. John H. Bias, second president of the College, accompanied by Leroy Douglas placed a wreath at Dr. Bias' grave.

Following the pilgrimage, Dr. Rizpah Jones Welch, '44, Associate Professor of Special Education, Richmond Professional Institute, delivered the Founders Day address, open house was held in the New Classroom Building and G. R. Little Memorial Library. A reception was held during the open house hosted by President and Mrs. Walter N. Ridley.



**DR. WELCH SPEAKS TO AUDIENCE ON FOUNDERS DAY**