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78th Anniversary Celebrated At ECSC Feb. 23

Bryan's Address Prelude to Gov.'s Message

Although sparsely attended and heard by a few, the Pre-Founders Day address by Curtis E. Bryan, Director of Admissions here at ECSC, set in motion a chain of deep thoughts, laying the mental foundation for our institution's celebration of Founder's Day.

Bryan, while using the past achievements of the College over 78 years of service to education, was cautious in predicting future developments which look promising. He stated, "I do not anticipate an easy road ahead. Few things of real value, come without sacrifice." However, he expressed hope for the immediate future because of the presence of Dr. Marion D. Thorpe, one of America's leading educators, at the helm of the ship of ECSC.

Lauding the leadership and services of Dr. Peter W. Moore (1891-1928); Dr. John H. Bias (1928-1939); Dr. Harold L. Trigg (1939-1945); Dr. Sidney D. Williams (1946-1958); and Dr. Walter N. Ridley (1958-1968) and citing the College's growth, Bryan, an alumnus of the College (class of 1960), emphasized, "A sacred course has been set here."

ECSC STUDENT COMMENDED BY GOVERNOR

Javon Brothers, Vice President of the Student Council at Elizabeth City State College, recently received a letter from Governor Robert W. Scott expressing pleasure with having been on the program with him "at the Founders Day program at Elizabeth City State College." Brothers extended greetings to the visiting dignitaries and guests of the College on behalf of the student body. His performance on the program was highly commended by the governor.

"Your words were well chosen and well spoken. I especially liked your ending," the letter con-



GOV. SCOTT'S ADDRESS PROMISING TO ECSC

Governor Robert W. Scott, making his first appearance at a state supported college after his inauguration, delivered an informative and perspective address, free of disruption, to the observers of Founder's Day at Elizabeth City State College. Speaking to the audience that filled Moore Hall auditorium, the Governor noted, "Today, we gather to honor 78 years of growth and service of this college and to accord respect to the memory of its founders."

The Governor made note of the educational advancement made on the State and National level. The Governor said, "there are 123 institutions of higher learning in America that have developed along the same lines and along much the same path of history as has Elizabeth City State College. And of those 123, eleven are in North Carolina." "I predict that, under the leadership of Dr. Marion Thorpe, Elizabeth City State College will move to new heights in providing service." "With the support of the administration and the State Board of Higher Education, the institution especially will broaden its curricular offerings." "Just last week, a bill was introduced in the General Assembly to add to the role of college the undertaking of 'other undergraduate, graduate and professional pro-

grams as deemed necessary to meet the need of the state."

"Personally, I am pleased to learn of this development because in my Legislative message of last month I stressed a greater emphasis on professional and vocational education at all levels in our public system."

The Governor also mentioned the budget currently before the General Assembly for higher education.

The Governor stated that, "the budget currently before the General Assembly provides for another \$1.3 million dollars for institutions and an additional \$950,000 for equalization of faculty salaries... to bring them up to par with the salaries of counter-part faculty members in other state institutions of higher learning."

The governor disclosed a deep concern about the lack of unity in the state of North Carolina. He said that he will seek to restore a filling of unity from the mountain to the coastal plains. He also stated that, "we are assembled here some 50 miles from one of our greatest natural resources, the Atlantic Ocean." Fifty-five miles to the North is the Populous metropolitan center and port city of Norfolk, which for centuries has furnished the commonwealth of Virginia with economic wealth on the

North Carolina outer banks were man made the first flight...and, indeed throughout this northeastern section...some may feel a closer affinity with Virginia than with us."

"This Administration will seek to change the feeling here, it will seek to bring a sense of belonging to North Carolinians wherever they may be...in mountain coves or fishing villages down east... and in whatever station in life they find themselves."

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Founders Day Program

The Founder's Day exercises began with the Annual Pilgrimage to Oak Grove Cemetery where the members of the Moore & Bias families joined representatives from the Alumni and student body in laying wreaths on the graves of Mr. Hugh Cale, Dr. Peter W. Moore, and Dr. John H. Bias.

This was followed by the Founder's Day program, which was held in the auditorium in Moore Hall, with the President, Dr. Marion D. Thorpe, presiding. The program commenced with an invocation by Rev. David Pharr, Pastor of Mt. Lebanon A.M.E. Zion Church, followed by the College Choir singing Noble's "Souls of the Righteous" under the direction of Miss Evelyn Johnson. Following this Mrs. Elaine W. Perry, class of 1954, president of the General Alumni Association and Javon Brothers class of 1970, Vice-president of the Student Council, eulogized the efforts of the founders and urged the members of the college community to rededicate their efforts towards the achievement of the ideals of the founders.

The program was followed by a reception for Governor Scott at the Lighthouse Center.



Pres. Thorpe presides at Founders Day Program.