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N. C. C. Students Petition Anti-Lynch Bill Support

College Band Makes Debut

The North Carolina College Band, under the direction of Professor S. J. Wright, made its debut Sunday evening, January 28, on the regular monthly program of the Music Department. The band is the newest addition to the various organizations and includes thirty men of the freshman and sophomore class.

The band is composed of beginners for the most part as quite a few members never knew before what the "five lines and four spaces" were. The band is making rapid progress. The following selections were rendered:

The Yankee March . . . Ed. Chanette
The Merry Widow Waltz,

Franz Lebar

Poet and Peasant Overture,

Franz V. Suppe

March On . . . Ed. Chanette
Silver Skates Waltz . . . Ed. Chanette

Dear Old N. C. C.,

Shepard-Burleigh

(Arr. for band by S. J. Wright)

Auld Lang Syne . . . Robert Burns

Professor Wright is a graduate of Hampton Institute and of Howard University where he took his Master's degree in Education. While at Hampton Mr. Wright was a member of the Hampton Institute Band in which he played solo cornet. For the past three years he was principal of the Douglass High School of Upper Marlborough, Maryland from which school he came to this institution.

Marie Joe Brown Gives Recital

North Carolina College for Negroes presented Miss Marie Joe Brown in a dramatic reading, Monday evening, January 9th, at 8 p.m. in the B. N. Duke Auditorium. In "Twenty Years Later" her first reading, four characters were portrayed four distinct voices—one of a Prima Donna, another of Marie, her Maid, another of John, her chauffeur, and still another of Dickie. "The Black Christ" by Countee Cullen and arranged for presentation by Miss Brown is a narrative of a deep religious experience, a mystical latter-day Calvary, re-asserting the wonder of divine love. It tells of a typical Southern tragedy, transformed into a triumphant affirmation of the living legend of the Cross! The last group of numbers were comical selections—"The Current Events Club," "The Telegram," "Motoring in the Nineties," and "Sadie at the Movies."

The Commercial Club held its bi-monthly meeting on Tuesday in the Assembly Room of the Administration Building at 8 p.m. After the business transactions, Miss Zora Thurston, Nationally known Author and Dramatic Instructor, reviewed with us her recent tour of Hayti. Among other things she related how heartily she was acclaimed in that land.

Peace, Father, The Sisters!



The charming sorors of Alpha Lambda chapter, Delta Sigma Theta sorority, who will send ten "barbarians" through a tough initiation period the first week in February. Left to right—Rebecca Christmas, Katherine Goins, Ethel Howell, L. Lucille Porter, Christine Harrington, and Frances Atkins.

Heningburg Entertains Monsieur Paul

On Tuesday, January 10th, Dr. A. Heningburg, Assistant to the President of the Institution and French Instructor was host to Monsieur Andre E. Paul, a Frenchman, who is an instructor in French in New York City. The classes in French experienced hearing the language as spoken by a native. Seeing a Frenchman, when he talks, is as interesting and as fascinating as hearing the language. The French are quite expressive and one might say that not only does the mouth talk, but the entire body tells the story. Many folk tales of interest were related, while a bit about the French people, their customs and a bit about the country was also incorporated in the interesting lesson. Such an entertainment helps to broaden any student's perception in any classroom. Professor Heningburg, having studied French abroad is very interesting and is always enlightening us upon many phases of France and of its peoples.

Commercial Comments

The class in Money and Banking has planned a trip to Richmond and the Federal Reserve Bank there in connection with its class work.

A habit of thrift is being promoted by permitting the students to make deposits to the class treasurer. Loans may then be made by the depositors—it may be a small bank in the making.

Officers for the class for the duration of the quarter: Silas James president; Josephine Pittman, vice-president; Christine Harrington, secretary; and Thelma Battle, treasurer.

Lodger: "It's disgraceful, Mrs. Simmons! I'm sure two rats were fighting in my bedroom last night."

Mrs. Skinner: "Well, what did you expect for three dollars a week, a bull fight."—Labor.

The Campus Monthly Revue

Thursday, January 4, the first women's meeting of the year was held. Dean R. G. Rush was the speaker.

Friday, January 5, the first chapel meeting was held. The speaker was Dr. W. E. Farrison of the English Department who spoke on the subject, "The Relationship Between Illiterate and Cultivated Speech." Of illiterate speech said, "Fewer restraints makes it more inventive than cultivated speech because it is not hampered by restrictions.

Sunday evening, January 7, Vespers began at three o'clock. After the general congregational singing and the chanting of the Lord's prayer, the choir sang two selections, "We Will Cheer the Weary Traveler" and "Spirit Immortal" lead by our baritone singer, Mr. James Samuels. The congregational prayer was offered by the speaker of the evening, President Robert E. Daniels, of Shaw University, whose subject was "The Prince of Corn," taken from the story of "Jacob and His Sons" found in Genesis.

Monday, January 8, Dr. Heningburg spoke on the subject, "What These Ten Years Might Bring to You, and What You Might Bring to Them." In this New Year's talk, he discussed three points: (1) Setting of an example, (2) Courage, (3) Gentleness. His moral was: "Before you can work toward an achievement, you must set an example, you must have courage, and last, but most important, you must do it gently.

Wednesday, January 10, the student forum met in B. N. Duke Auditorium at 11:45 instead of the usual hour, twelve o'clock. The Student Council presented us with Mr. Carter who showed us a motion picture, "Safari on Wheels," revealing some of the weird mysteries of Africa. He also presented us with a

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New Buildings Are Completed

Improvements involving an expenditure of \$537,000 were made at North Carolina College for Negroes last year, according to statistics recently given by Dr. James E. Shepard, president of the College. Great progress has been made by the institution in 1939 in additions to the physical plant and in the general development of the College. This year the enrollment is nearly 700, and applications for the next term are being received at this early date. With added facilities, said Dr. Shepard, the college will be in a position to accommodate the large number of students who are expected next year.

Among the new buildings which have been completed this year are a science building costing approximately \$185,000; a dormitory for women, which entails an expenditure of \$100,000; the home economics and senior building, costing \$60,000; and a laundry, modern in every respect, involving the expenditure of \$25,000. A gymnasium, complete with modern facilities including a swimming pool, is being erected at a cost of approximately \$160,000. Also under construction is a teachers' practice cottage for those specializing in the field of home economics. Its cost will be approximately \$7,000.

"The people of North Carolina, and especially the governor and council of state, have been very generous in their contributions to this institution," President Shepard declared when he reported on the construction activities of the school.

On Books

Man lived long on the earth before the advent of books. History enables us to follow his doings through some thousands of years. Records in the form of things dug out of the ground show his presence in still earlier times—in the Iron Age, the Bronze Age, the Neolithic Age, and even in the Paleolithic Age. A passage in the Old Testament seems to hark back to times when men already knew how to write, but had not yet made books. "Write the vision, and make it plain upon the tables, that he may run that readeth it." What may properly be called a book is relatively of recent origin. The invention seems to have been made among the Egyptians who, about 6,000 years ago, had come to use papyrus as a writing material. The first books among the Egyptians, Babylonians, Hebrews, and Greeks coincided with the rise of high culture. Henceforth the connection remained close between books and civilization. A people mounts in the scale of life and living almost in direct ratio to their use of books. If a man aspires to be educated and well informed, books are nowadays indispensable. In our country, from the times of Thomas Jefferson to the present day, efforts have been put forth to make it possible for students and citizens to have libraries and

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Bailey Replies to Plea of 300 Students

DURHAM—Engineered by student leaders, 300 students of North Carolina College for Negroes petitioned senators Josiah Bailey and Robert Reynolds to "vote for and use their influence in the passage of the Anti-Lynching Bill." Senior Senator Bailey received the original copy and Junior Senator Robert Reynolds a true copy. The document was mailed late last week.

Aroused by the intense efforts of members of the "southern Bloc" to again filibuster to death the measure, presidents of all organizations on the campus met and drew up the petition which was signed by more than 300 students before the following morning. There is little doubt that the entire student body would not have signed if time had been permitted.

The petition read as follows:

January 11, 1940.

The Honorable Josiah Bailey,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We the undersigned students of North Carolina College for Negroes, being directly affected by the Anti-Lynching Bill, respectfully petition your vote and your influence in the passage of this bill, which is a matter that vitally concerns more than 12 million people.

The first signature affixed was that of Charles E. Cobb, president of the student council.

BAILEY'S REPLY

President Chas. E. Cobb,
Student Council,
North Carolina College
For Negroes,
Durham, N. C.
My dear Sir:

Your letter advocating the enactment of the Gavagan Bill, known as the Anti-Lynching Bill has been received.

In considering this measure, we must bear in mind that lynching is the most infrequently committed of all the crimes and that great progress has been made in reducing the number lynching that in 1939 there were only three. It is a serious question whether interference by the Federal Government would be helpful where the progress has been so great. Moreover, if we invite the Federal Government to undertake to enforce the criminal law in the matter of lynching, we will invite it to enforce the law with respect to all other crimes and you may find our state filled with Federal offices.

If we set up a system of recovering damages in Federal Courts against state officers on account of the crime of lynching, why not in respect to other crimes.

Up until now, enforcement of our laws has been reposed in the States. Why should we change the system, and what would be the consequences? There is a great deal of stealing in the country. Shall we transfer the jurisdiction from our local courts or local offices to the Federal Government, and if so, will this help? The

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