

College Welcomes 54th Annual Session Of ATA

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Graham, Gray Are Main Speakers

North Carolina College and the city of Durham play host today through Tuesday to the American Teachers Association in its 54th annual convention.

The college has rolled out the welcome mat to the 54 year-old association which boasts some 25,000 members in 31 states and the District of Columbia. Some 800 are expected to attend this year's meeting, according to Dr. T. R. Speigner, president.

Dr. Speigner, professor of geography here and state director of Resources-Use Education, has outlined an extensive program featuring outstanding speakers, a series of workshops—discussion groups, and social and recreational activities.

The keynote speaker, who will be heard this evening at 7:30 in the convention's first general session, is Dr. Frank P. Graham, official mediator for the United Nations. Dr. Graham was at one time (1930-49) president of the Greater University of North Carolina and was organizer and first president (1946-49) of the Oak Ridge Institute for Nuclear Studies.

At a special convocation tomorrow morning at 11, Mr. Robert M. Gray, special assistant to Sherman Adams in the office of President Eisenhower, will address the convention.

Gray has had a varied career in education, journalism, business and government.

Both speakers will concentrate in their addresses on the ATA convention theme—"Conserving All Our Human Resources Through Adequate—Equitable—Effective Education."

The public is invited to these and other general sessions which will be held in the B. N. Duke Auditorium.

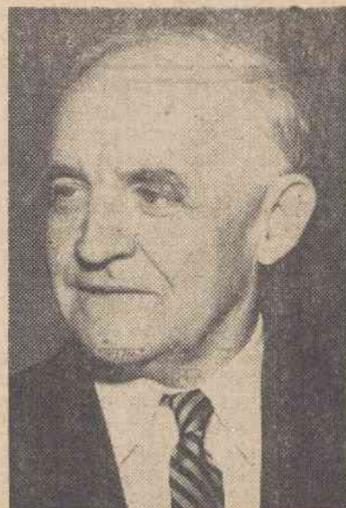
President Speigner, who is chairman of the program committee, told the *ECHO* this week that the college, the Summer School, and business and professional organizations in Durham are cooperating "to make this a memorable convention for ATA."

This marks ATA's third meeting here — the first since 1946. The convention first met here in 1925.

Dr. H. Council Trenholm told the *ECHO* last week that the Association boasts over 2,500 members in North Carolina, a state total second only to that of Alabama, which registers over 6,000 members annually. The 1956 convention was held in Atlanta, Georgia and utilized the facilities of Spelman, Clark, Morehouse, and Atlanta University.

Dr. Trenholm is executive secretary of the Association, and Dr. Joseph H. Taylor, director of the NCC Summer School, is a member of its board of trustees. Dr. Trenholm is president of the Alabama State College in Montgomery.

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FRANK P. GRAHAM



ROBERT K. GRAY

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am pleased to welcome members of the American Teachers Association to the North Carolina College at Durham. We are honored to have you as our guests.

Those of you who are acquainted with the history of the North Carolina College know that the college is the realization of the dream of a great man, Dr. James E. Shepard. Before the word "integration" came into prominence in connection with school situations, Dr. Shepard believed in and encouraged the development of the concept of the equality of man.

We did not know during the early days of the college that the meaning and understanding of freedom and equality would develop as rapidly as they have. We are glad, however, that what is happening in terms of a greater appreciation for the worth and dignity of every human being is in a real sense a fulfillment of the original aims and purposes of the college.

The American Teachers Association has witnessed and promoted a variety of desirable changes in education during its many decades of existence. The degrees of freedom and opportunity which we now enjoy are, in many instances, the direct result of the efforts of this Association. We at NCC join with others in our community in expressing our gratitude for the contribution which this Association has made to the welfare of the teachers throughout our country.

As the opportunities which we enjoy today are to a large extent the result of efforts exerted in the past, it is our hope that what is done here during this session of the Association will not only be immediately significant but also will begin a course of thinking and acting which will result in new and higher concepts of freedom and equality for future generations.

If we at North Carolina College can do anything to provide an environment for the fullest possible realization of the potentialities of this meeting, we should be happy. You have the best wishes of every member of our school community.

ALFONSO ELDER, President

Principals-Supervisors Hold Meet

The Annual Principals - Supervisors Conference will be in session here Monday and Tuesday, it was announced by Dr. J. H. Taylor and the planning committee for this year's session.

Principals and supervisors from throughout the state are meeting this year in conjunction with the American Teachers Association's 54th annual convention.

Two speakers have been listed by the planning committee: Dr. Robert B. Myers, associate professor of education at the University of Florida, and Dr. Leo W. Jenkins, vice president of East

Carolina College, Greenville.

Myers will speak to the group Monday afternoon at 2 p.m. in the Education Building on "Educational Leadership in an Age of Automation," and Jenkins will speak Tuesday at 10 a. m. on "The School Board and Its Role in Improving Educational Leadership."

Mr. J. H. Twitty, principal of the John Chavis School in Cherryville, is chairman of the principals-supervisors session which is sponsored jointly by the NCC Summer School and the Principals - Supervisors Section of the NCTA.

Cooperating with Taylor and Twitty are W. L. Bradsher, Durham; R. H. Cherry, Fremont; H. D. Cooper, Ahoskie; F. J. Corbett, Armour; Dr. Samuel E. Duncan, Raleigh; Mrs. Maude M. Jeffers, Catawba; S. O. Jones, Salisbury; C. B. Stewart, Kinton; and Mrs. Rae Rudd Williams, Fayetteville.



DR. J. H. TAYLOR



PRESIDENT ELDER

Post Session Begins Aug. 5

Four courses in four different areas make up the calendar for the three-week post session of the Summer School which begins August 5, according to Dr. J. H. Taylor, director.

In a release from the Summer School Office last week, Dr. Taylor pointed out that classes will be conducted daily as usual in the Classroom Building and Library. Each class will meet three hours daily and each will yield three semester hours of credit.

Each person is limited to one course in the post session.

On the calendar are one course each in Education, History, Sociology and Library Science. These courses include: Education S542, History of American Educational Thought: The Twentieth Century, History S572, Intellectual and Social History of the United States, Sociology S500, American Social Problems in the Twentieth Century and Library Science 531, Foundations of Library Science.

Registration for the post session will be held Monday, August 5, at 8:00 in the Administration Building.

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Dr. Theodore R. Speigner, President
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To the members and guests of the American Teachers Association assembled in their 54th Convention, I send greetings. Those who have dedicated their lives to the teaching of our children merit the respect and appreciation of all Americans. Guided by the light of knowledge, the people of our land will continue to progress from generation to generation.

Best wishes for a successful meeting.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

GREETINGS TO A. T. A.

A hearty welcome is extended to the officers, delegates, and members of the American Teachers Association who are our guests for their 54th annual convention.

The American Teachers Association has had a long and honorable career. It was born in a dark period of race relations in the United States. The rising spirit of caste had completely enveloped the South with the passage of the Day Law in Kentucky. Lynchings were taking place in record numbers. Public support for the education of Negroes on the secondary and collegiate levels was at the lowest possible point. In the country as a whole property rights transcended human rights in spite of the vigorous campaign of Theodore Roosevelt. Leadership in race and labor relations and in the areas of social welfare was expected to be "safe and sane."

It was in such an atmosphere that the American Teachers Association first breathed the breath of life. That it has survived to the day when the old order is gradually approaching the brim; when it is no longer politic or expedient to brow beat — to abuse — to exploit; when the doctrine that all men are endowed with inalienable rights (education being one); and when the sons and daughters of American mothers and fathers, regardless of station in life, can hold up their heads and not be ashamed — is due to the farsightedness, faith, patience, and wisdom of its founders. A great and noble heritage has been bequeathed to their successors now in convention.

J. H. TAYLOR
Director of the
Summer School