

Fiftieth-Year Commemoration Underway

★★★★ NCC Awards Three Honorary Degrees ★★★★★

Unrecorded Data On NCC Given

By Mrs. Julia Harris

It seems fitting to offer some of the little known, or seldom discussed historical date of the college—not the facts which, because of their high significance in the development of the college, are a matter of record, but some possibly unrecorded facts which have human interest, as a contribution to this special issue of the *Echo*. Do you know, for instance:

That the original school colors were red, white, and blue? Yes, for the original name is National Training School and Chautauqua.

That Dr. W. E. Dubois was one of the first professors here? A Chautauqua includes lectures. Dr. Dubois was one of the original lecturers. Among other lecturers were the late Dr. Kelley Miller of Howard University and the late Mrs. Alice Dunbar Nelson, widow of the poet Paul Lawrence Dunbar.

That the first Dean was the Rev. J. H. Moore, father of Prof. D. Eric Moore of our school of Library Science?

That Mrs. Annie Day Shepard, wife of the founder and first president—than whom there was never a more gracious lady—once served as cook when there was no money to pay a cook?

That the girls at this school once wore uniforms at all times? Navy or black skirts and blue blouses; white dresses for special occasions.

That at one time all students worked, regardless of ability to pay? Each student gave an hour's work per day: young men cleaning classrooms, helping in the kitchen, hoeing the garden, feeding the horses, milking the cows, etc.; young women serving in the Dining Hall, cleaning the dormitories, etc. Some earned money by working more than the required hour.

That the complete name of the Administration Building is The Clyde R. Hoey Building of Administration? It was named for a governor of North Carolina.

That the complete name of McLean Hall is the Angus W. McLean Dormitory? It too was named for one of our governors. It was originally a men's dormitory.

That Rush Hall is named for the former Dean of Women? The residents of the dormitory chose to name their building for their Dean of Women and hung her picture in their lobby.

That Annie Day Shepard Dormitory is named for the wife of the founder. Her picture hangs in the living room.

That the "Old Senior Dormitory" was once a men's Dormitory?

That B. N. Duke Auditorium is named for a member of the (continued on page 4)



Four of the participants on the Golden Anniversary programs are: (left to right) Harry Golden, author, and editor of the *Carolina Israelite*, Dr. John Hope Franklin, chairman of the department of

history at Brooklyn College, Dr. Theodore A. Distler, executive director of the Association of American Colleges, and the Honorable Arthur Flemming, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

National Figures Speak Here Nov. 9-12

NCC Alumnus Among Honorees In Fiftieth Anniversary Convocation

Three persons were awarded Doctor of Laws Degrees from this school in special convocations during the 50th year celebration. Among these is the first graduate of this school to be thus honored, Asa T. Spaulding. The other two honorees are Bascom Baynes, a member of the NCC trustee board, and the Honorable Arthur Flemming, Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare.

This raises the total number of honorary degrees awarded by NCC to five. The other two recipients are Dr. Sekou Toure, awarded a degree in October 1959, and Dr. Howard J. Chidley, who received the degree in 1917.

Being awarded is nothing new to Spaulding, who has previously received citations, awards, and prizes. In 1946 he received the Presidential Citation . . . "for his unselfish devotion to the task of helping stabilize our economy. He made a meritorious contribution to the welfare of the Nation by his effective participation in the fight against inflation during and after World War II. His diligent and effective work is an example of his high patriotism."

Mr. Spaulding, who is now President of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, resides at 1608 Lincoln Street, Durham. He was born July 22, 1902 in Columbus County, was married to Elna Bridgeforth of Athens, Alabama, and is the father of four children: Asa Jr., Aaron Lowery, Patricia Ann, and Kenneth Bridgeforth.

At the time of Spaulding's matriculation here, 1918-23, this campus was the site of the National Training School, and was considered a high school. He

later attended the Howard University School of Commerce, Accounts and Finance. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from New York University in 1930, receiving the B. S. in Accounting and received the M.A. in Actuarial Science from the University of Michigan in 1932.

Aside from his many activities, he has held membership in at least 20 organizations, among (continued on page 2)

Distler Leads Discussion

Dr. Theodore A. Distler, executive director of the Association of American Colleges, led a discussion on "Charting the Course of Today's College," Thursday, November 10. Dr. Distler's discussion followed the main address by the Honorable Arthur S. Flemming, secretary of the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

According to Dr. Helen G. Edmonds, chairman of the 50th Anniversary Committee at NCC, Dr. Distler and his panelists discussed "appropriate directions

the modern college should take in the light of forces . . . for special emphasis."

A native of Brooklyn, New York, Dr. Distler holds honorary degrees for distinguished service in higher education from twenty-three colleges and universities. He is a graduate of New York University with B.S., M.A., and L.H.D. degrees from that institution.

He was president of Franklin and Marshall College (1941-1954) following years of service as Dean of Lafayette College and in various capacities at New York University. He has been executive director of the Association of American Colleges since 1954.

Representatives from colleges in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia acted as consultants.

Franklin Speaks

Dr. John Hope Franklin, professor and chairman of the department of history at Brooklyn College, delivered the Convocation address at the Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration of North

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NCC Registrar Is Personality Of Many Parts

By H. G. Dawson

On a typical day last week, one of North Carolina College's best known personalities distributed flowers to key administrative offices, supervised the moving of furnishings from one building to another, re-assured a wavering student, and completed two important committee reports.

Officially, her day had not yet begun.

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Dr. Ralph Tyler delivers the keynote address in the Wednesday morning session of the 50th year program. Dr. Tyler, director of the Center in the Behavioral Sciences of Stanford, California, spoke from the theme: "The Responsibility of the College to Public Education."