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INAUGURATION DAY AT WCC

Buildings Dedicated - Thompson Installed as President

Thompson Is Honored at Ball

Dr. Howard E. Thompson, President of Wilkes Community College, was recently honored at a dress ball held at the North Wilkesboro Elks Club.

The ball, one of the events of the Great State of Wilkes Week, was attended by sponsors, patrons, and benefactors of the event as well as state dignitaries including Senator B. Everett Jordan and former Governor of the State of North Carolina Dan K. Moore.

Speaking in the presentation ceremony was D. V. Deal, Executive Vice President of the Northwestern Bank and honoring Dr. Thompson with the presentation of a portrait of the college president obtained by the Wilkes Art Guild.

Dr. Thompson spoke to accept the gift which was painted by James Wallace King of Winston-Salem.



GOVERNOR SPEAKS — Robert Scott, Governor of North Carolina speaks at dedication ceremony held at college.

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"The honeymoon lasted four years and now its all legal." So spoke Dr. Howard E. Thompson in his address at the inauguration and dedication of newly founded Wilkes Community College.

The presidency of Dr. Thompson, now in his fifth year, was made official at the ceremony which was a part of the Great State of Wilkes program in the county.

Charles W. Johnson, President of the Student Government Association at Wilkes Community College, gave the greeting from the student body and Mrs. Brenda B. Moore, Instructor in English, presented the greeting from the faculty at the college.

Following Mrs. Moore, Dr. I.E. Ready, Director of the De-

partment of Community Colleges gave a welcoming address from his office and the greeting from the State Board of Education was given by Dr. W. Dallas Herring, Chairman of the State Board.

In Charge of the investiture of the president was Judge Robert M. Gambill, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the college. Dr. Thompson gave the response in which he reminisced on four years with the college.

The dedication ceremony was handled by Richard B. Johnston, Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Board of Trustees. In the ceremony, the three newly finished buildings were dedicated in honor of Charles Fred Lovette, Judge

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THOMPSON RECEIVES PORTRAIT