

# LCC News

## Gibson Retiring From LCC

KINSTON—Mrs. Esther D. Gibson of Ayden, a member of the English faculty at Lenoir Community College since 1966, will retire June 30, 1982, after 30 years in education at the public school and two-year college levels.

A native of the Ayden area of Pitt County, she was born in a little red school house which her late father renovated and enlarged for a residence. She decided on her first day at public school that she wanted to become a teacher.

Her father was the late Emmitt F. Dennis and her mother, who now resides with her, is Mrs. Gracie Smith Dennis. Her only brother now living is Claude Dennis of Ayden.

Mrs. Gibson took her undergraduate degree in education at East Carolina Teachers College (now ECU). She has an A. B. degree in English and French and also a master's degree in her field. She also has a master's degree in counseling and guidance. She earned both at East Carolina University.

She began her teaching career at Pine Hall in Stokes County where she met and married her husband, Edison Gibson, who died on August 23, 1972. When her three sons were born she took time out to raise her family. Her sons are Major Emmitt Edison of Herndon, Va., Leonard Howard Gibson of Rolesville (he is a highway patrolman) and Jerry Trumon Gibson of Ayden, who is a salesman with Garris and Evans Lumber Company in Greenville.

Mrs. Gibson taught five and one-half years at Pine Hall. Her next faculty assignment was at Contentnea School in Lenoir County during the tenure of Principal George Warren. She taught two years at Ayden School in Pitt County before joining the LCC faculty in 1966 when it became an accredited two-year college.

In addition to her full teaching load at LCC Mrs. Gibson has served on the Executive Committee, the Learning Resources Committee, as Chairman of the English Department, and Secretary of the Committee on Remedial Programs. She has headed the English Department since 1978 and has served on the Administrative Council.

She is a member of Alpha Delta Kappa in Kinston. She is active in the Ayden Methodist Church where she serves on the church board and where she teaches an adult Sunday School class every third Sunday. She taught Sunday School for a high school group for many years. Her other extra-curricula activities include a term as local president of the N. C. Association of Educators at LCC.

Retirement will free Mrs. Gibson to devote more

KINSTON—The commencement program for the 20th graduation at Lenoir Community College on Friday night, June 4 will feature a processional and recessional, issuance of 355 degrees, diplomas and certificates and an address by Rep. Daniel T. Lilley of the Third N.C. District, it was announced today. The brief program will start at 8:15 p.m.

Mrs. Hazel Edwards will play the organ prelude and the processional and recessional music. The processional will be led by faculty marshal Cullen Zimmerman to the tune of "Pomp and Circumstance." Rev. Conrad Pridgen of the St. James AME Church will offer the invocation.

Dr. Jesse L. McDaniel, LCC president, will welcome the audience in the College Union where the exercises have been held in recent years. Speaking for the Class of 1982 will be Walter Anderson of Kinston. He was elected May 5 by members of the class. He is a 30-year veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

The speaker will be introduced by Dr. McDaniel. Rep. Lilley, a four-term legislator and a native of Martin County, will be making his first appearance as commencement speaker at the college.

Dr. Thomas M. Benton, executive vice-president of the college, will present the Class of 1982 for graduation. Chairman A. Forest Waller of the Board of Trustees will present the degrees, diplomas and



Mrs. Esther D. Gibson

time to her mother, but there is no plan for idleness in her future. She will continue to work as a volunteer in a rest home and will work as a volunteer in reading and writing in the Ayden public schools.

Her interests are varied. They include travel and a keen desire to re-visit England in the near future. She thoroughly enjoys reading and growing indoor and outdoor flowers. She also enjoys travel and what she calls "grand-mothering." She has advised her associates at LCC that she may be available to teach an occasional class on a part-time basis in the future.

In May 1977 Mrs. Gibson was named "Faculty Member of The Month" by LCC students. She is known as "one of the most helpful and encouraging instructors in the College Transfer Department" by her students and faculty associates.

Her philosophy of education gives warm support to the two-year colleges. She sees them as "bridging the gap" for many students who leave high school but who are not ready for full schedules in a four-year college or university. She has especially enjoyed her work with the Administration and the faculty at LCC. She says she will miss each one she has worked with, but plans to keep in touch in the future.

Looking back over her 30-year career she says her first grade decision to become a teacher has been "most rewarding" and she would not choose a different vocation if she had it to do over again. Experience in the public schools and at the college level has served to give her a better understanding of the needs of young people entering college for the first time. The two-year college is "uniquely qualified" to encourage those who seek four-year degrees as well as those pursuing vocational and technical careers, she concluded.

certificates. In addition to the 355 who are completing their college studies there will be 268 adults who have earned their high school equivalency certificates since last May 1 from the college General Educational Development Tests.

Mrs. Edward will play "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" for the recessional. Rev. Pridgen will pronounce the benediction.

The air-conditioned College Union can accommodate up to 2,500 persons for the ceremony. LCC had its first graduation of some 53 persons at Southwood School in 1963.

KINSTON—Twenty-three adults completed their requirements for the high school equivalency certificate through the General Education Tests at Lenoir Community College during May, according to Learning Laboratory Director Claude L. Barrett Jr.

Among those who qualified on the LCC campus are Johnnie J. Bratten of Grifton Route 3, Box 306, Paul J. Dawson of Grifton Route 3, Box 268 and John R. Stevens of Dudley Route 1, Box 296.

There are 268 who have qualified for certificates since the commencement season last year, Barrett stated. The next testing dates are June 10 at the Learning Laboratory on campus and June 24 at the Greene County Extension Unit.

## FORT BARNWELL HIGHLIGHTS

### The Bulletin

By MRS. B.H. MITCHELL

The Craven County Veteran Council invites everyone to the Memorial Service on May 31st at the National Cemetery in New Bern, N. C. On that Monday the Memorial Service will begin at 3:00 o'clock p. m.

Many people will give a part of their time to pause and honor the men and women who gave a portion of their lives to serve our great country.

Handy F. Mitchell is Chairman of the Council and he states that all are welcome to attend.

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The District No. 2 Union Meeting will convene at Live Oak F.W.B. Church in Bridgeton on Friday night, with the emphasis on youth participation in the program. Service will begin at 7:30 p. m. All churches in the Union have been asked to support the young people.

On Saturday, May 29, the business session will begin at 2:00 o'clock p. m.

Sunday morning, May 30, joint Sunday School will begin at 10:00 o'clock a. m.

The president will deliver the morning message at 11:00 a. m. and Live Oak Choir will sing. This will be followed by a break for lunch and an evening service also. Elder J. O. Dawson of Vanceboro is president of the Union. He encourages all churches to be prepared to support the Union Meeting.

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There will be a gospel sing at the St. Edwards F.W.B. Church on Sunday night, May 30, at 7:30 p. m. Several gospel groups will be participating on the program with Samuel Rufus and The Hickory Grove Male Chorus. Mr. Rufus has promised a well planned program. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the gospel in songs. Deacon Rufus Hawkins is sponsor. Elder William Waters is pastor.

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There will be a gospel sing at the St. John A.M.E. Zion Church of Ft. Barnwell on Sunday night at 7:30 p. m.

The Dixie Land Gospel Singers and the N. C. Faithfulettes will be among the singing groups. Everyone is invited to attend. Mr. Roy Mitchell is sponsor and Rev. W. Johnson is pastor.

## Chiropractor At Atlanta Seminar

Dr. Steven I. Cohen of Family Chiropractic Health and Accident Services of Winterville attended a postgraduate seminar in Atlanta last weekend. The seminar's focus was neurological dysfunction and improvement of neurologic communication. It presented new research from the medical and chiropractic communities on a recently discovered approach, "Bio-Energetic Synchronization Technique."

This new method has been shown to significantly speed the healing process in injuries including fractures and whiplash sprain injuries. It has been demonstrated to be very effective in the treatment of persistent headache and neck, shoulder, and arm conditions.

The seminar was presented by Dr. M. T. Morter, D. C., past President of Logan College of Chiropractic of St. Louis. Dr. Morter stated that the bones and organs in the human body are designed to last 120 years or more. New research in this field of longevity was presented and practical methods (including nutrition) of reversing this process were discussed. Dr. Cohen resumed regular office hours on 5/17/82.

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