

## Dr. Seabrook Addresses Edgecombe PTA Group

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second in a series on Edgecombe County Schools by J. B. Harren.)

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**FINETOPS** — More than 300 people gathered here at Carter High School, Sunday, April 25, for the annual county-wide Parent-Teacher Association-sponsored program given by students from Roberson, Bullock, Lawrence and Carver elementary schools; bands and glee clubs from Conetoe and Carver high schools, principals and supervisory officials.

Featured speaker for the occasion was Dr. James Ward Seabrook, president, Fayetteville Teachers College, who talked on "New Responsibilities for a Changing Society." In keeping with the motto of the class of '54 which hung over his head, Dr. Seabrook said: "We need to be producers, primarily, rather than just consumers; we need to be operators, rather than mere spectators." He added, "We must stress the pioneering spirit, rather than having others pioneer for us." Then he urged outstanding race men who have launched out into seldom-tried pursuits. We should stop listening to those who tell us we "can't" do certain things and harken to the new voices which tell us that we can, the speaker urged. Seabrook concluded: "The one great purpose of the church, the school and the home is to make great men and women of boys and girls to live and act in the image of God."

**PTA ASSN SPLIT?** — Regarding the report current that there was a split imminent in the ranks of the County PTA group, because, allegedly, the meeting had been rather a bit drastically changed from the Phillips high school (according to some patrons) to the Carver school, neither Simpson Hart, PTA president, (who lives in this district) nor Carver principal S. A. Gil-

bert would confirm or deny the existence of a rumored split, dismissing questioning by this reporter as "after the program."

For many years the Edgecombe PTA has been noted for making a day's holiday to quarterly and annual programs. There has been much feeling that the County PTA did not do so much real work. Certain principals are reported to have no PTA groups in their schools, preferring to handle things themselves for the most part. Only two of the three county high school bands and glee clubs took part in the program here Sunday. They were the Robt. Carver and Conetoe, Phillips high, headed by C. M. Caraway was absent. J. E. Batts, principal of Conetoe and S. A. Gilbert heads Carver.

The financial report of the Edgecombe PTA released by U. S. Hart, president, shows the following: 1953-1954 measure following the 1953 April meeting of operation, \$354.25 was collected at that meeting. Disbursed for the year ending April 25th, 1954 was \$36.35, leaving a net balance prior to this year's annual meeting of \$317.90. Disbursements were listed as follows: April 1953, Dr. Edmunds, speaker \$80. Carver school meeting held here last year, food for speaker \$6.95; travel of president, \$14.00; stage decorations, \$25.00; district PTA dues, \$10.00; Mrs. Jennings, State PTA, for \$20.00 and Dr. R. B. Brumby for dedication Bullock elementary school, \$50.00. Total, \$317.90. Schools represented last year with amounts ranging from \$2.35 to \$25.00.

**CONTRIBUTORS TO 4-H COLLEGE DRIVE** — Edgecombe County's Home Demonstration Clubs, churches and schools have conducted a drive for funds to meet the County quota of \$1500 to the State 4-H Foundation which is building Camp Cottages for 4-H youth at Hammocks, Beach, below Seaboard, in Onslow County.

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