

BYPU Confab Closes

(Special to the TIMES)
 GOLDSBORO, N. C.—The State Sunday School and BYPU Convention of North Carolina have just closed their 74th annual session which met in Goldsboro, N. C. with the Calvary Baptist Church Dr. B. F. Johnson pastor.

The theme of the Convention was Cooperative Training for Service. The sessions were attended by the largest delegation of Baptist Young People that have met this body in recent years coming from all sections of the state.

The program consisted of Training Courses which were presided over by Miss Velma Preslar and Mrs. A. V. Washburn of the Southern Baptist Convention and Rev. J. H. Clanton, S. F. Daly and Miss Mamie Yeargin.

During the general sessions of the Convention inspiring addresses were delivered by prominent churchmen and educators of North Carolina. Included among them are: Rev. Wendell C. Somerville, Secretary of the General Baptist Convention of North Carolina; Dean John L. Tilley of Shaw University, and Dr. R. P. Daniel, president of Shaw University. The closing session of the Convention was featured by an Oratorical and Dramatic Contest.

A significant feature of this gathering was a meeting of the Board of the General Baptist Convention of North Carolina in which definite plans were made for the great Baptist Conclave which will convene at Raleigh, North Carolina. This Conclave will mark the 2nd meeting of the Conclave which brings together all branches of the Baptist Churches representing a quarter of a million Negro Baptists in this State. Rev. W. C. Somerville was chosen director of the conclave. Which meets for one entire week during the month of August 1944 at the Memorial Auditorium.

ESTC Building Project Is Completed

BY J. B. MacRae
 FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.—The final inspection by the PWA engineers, C. C. Boyd of Atlanta and J. E. Williams of Fayetteville today marks the completion of a \$1,548,000 building project at Fayetteville State Teachers College which was started last fall. The project included a new men's dormitory, a science hall and the H. L. Cook Dining Hall. The men's dormitory is of modern brick, fire resisting construction. There are 46 rooms to house 92 men, an infirmary, reception room private suite for the matron and four equipped guest rooms.

The science hall is of similar brick construction. In it are 6 laboratories; 3 for physical sciences one for biology and 2 for home economics. The home economics laboratories are equipped with electric sewing machines, electric and oil stoves, refrigerator food cabinets, tables; glass show cases and other modern conveniences for foods and clothing laboratories. Across from the food laboratory is a completely furnished dining room. The science laboratories are furnished and equipped with individual tables that have water, gas and electric connections for use with scientific apparatus. In addition to the laboratories, there are 6 classrooms with movable desk chair furniture a large lecture room with raised seats, and departmental offices and storerooms.

The repairs to Bickett Hall consisted of weather stripping and new flooring. The wooden parapets and columns at the H. L. Cook Dining Hall have been replaced with more substantial ones of stone and metal.

President J. W. Seabrook announces that the completion of this project today brings to culmination \$2,700,000 worth of construction on the Fayetteville college's campus in the last three years. In addition to the 2 buildings just finished a gymnasium, a girls' dormitory (Please turn to page 7)

DARK LAUGHTER



HERE COMES THE FELLER WHO GIVE BOOTIE THAT HOT TIP ABOUT THE FIGHT HE GOT BOOTS TO LAY IT ALL ON GALENTO

BY OL HARRINGTON

Memphis Blues Chanters Are New York Bound

MARCHING CHOIR OF 60 BROWN BEAUTIES THREATENS HARLEM SUPREMACY

BY GEORGE F. SCHUYLER
 NEW YORK.—When the Memphis delegation to the Negro Elks' convention hits Harlem on August 21, to stay a week it boasts that history definitely will be made for Harlem swing supremacy hitherto unquestioned, will vanish before the warbling of the blues.

Long noted for "doing up brown" whatever it undertakes Beale Street is not only sending the biggest delegation as befits the largest Negro Elks' lodge in the South, but with it will be the famed Booker T. Washington High School Drum and Bugle Corps, led by Prof. Elmer T. Hunt. Considered the finest all-girl aggregation of its kind and composed of the prettiest brown misses along the Mississippi, it symbolizes the spirit of Beale Street and its glamorous and melodramatic past. These sixty dusky debutantes will send New York by singing and playing along

the line of march the Blues that have made Memphis more famous than its namesake on the Nile.

'FATHER OF THE BLUES' TO LEAD

Heading the huge Memphis delegation, with its blues chanting choir and the celebrated Beale Street Marching Club, will be the patriarch of jitterbugs, famed W. C. Handy composer of Memphis Blues, Beale Street Blues; St. Louis Blues, etc which started America on its way to syncretized supremacy. Robert R. Church, millionaire Negro political leader of Memphis will ride in the limousine with Handy as will Lieut. George W. Lee, Memphis insurance man and author of Beale Street: Where the Blues Began and River George.

Colorfully uniformed delegations representing Negro Elks from forty three states will be in the line of march, but Beale Street swears that neither the lilies of the field the jungle birds with their gorgeous plumage nor Solomon in all his glory will compare with its chanting girls and colorful uniforms. Even Mr. Whalen's boys,

at The World of Tomorrow will be eclipsed, it is said.

MEMPHIS RAISES \$1,800 FOR TRIP

So proud is Memphis of its gorgeous all girl drum and bugle corps that white and colored citizens have joined in raising \$1,800 to pay the brown misses' way to Gotham. E. H. Crump Congressman and Memphis political boss for whose early campaign Handy wrote the famous Memphis Blues has donated \$500. Other white people of the city have contributed liberally while the Negroes have gone deep in their pockets to finance the trip.

Crump claims that the average Northerner has no conception of the real Memphis Negro population and he believes these comely maidens in their trim uniforms signing the blues on Broadway will make steady New York sit up and take notice, and be a good advertisement for the West Tennessee metropolis.

The 60 girls aggregation is scheduled to arrive late in the afternoon of August 21 and will be housed at the beautiful

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Miss Eva Hamlin, instructor in Art will be on leave for the year 1944-1945 studying at Institute in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Miss Wille B. Payer, Registrar and head of the Department of French will return after a semester of graduate study at the University of Wisconsin. The following teachers have studied during the summer: Miss Mersa Tate at Harvard, Miss Coragreen Johnson at the University of Michigan, Timothy E. Wells at Cornell and James T. Morton, Jr. at Northwestern University. University. Mrs. Oceola Adams Director of Dramatics, has attended three important conferences on dramatics during the summer.

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