

COMMENCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Orations Usher Students Into Life



Presidents Malcolm S. McLean of Hampton Institute, left, and Benjamin E. Mays of Morehouse, who delivered the commencement and baccalaureate addresses at Tuskegee institute last week ushering a large and enthusiastic group of graduates out into the world. Their respective addresses were acclaimed among the finest ever delivered at the famous institution. (ANP)

Educator Honored

Continued from page One of which he has worked in the city of Greenville. He was born at Halifax, N. C., December 25, 1858.

His early education was obtained in schools established by the Freedmen's Bureau immediately after the Civil War. Later he was taken by his father to Raleigh where he attended the Parochial school under the control of the Episcopal Church. He later spent five years at Shaw Collegiate Institute—now Shaw University. Upon completion of his course at Shaw, Prof. Eppes entered upon his career as a teacher. Since this time he has supplemented his scholastic work by attending county institutes, and has taken three one-year summer courses at Hampton, Shaw and A and T respectively. He taught in Wilmington and New Hanover County from 1875 to 1877. In 1880 he was commissioned to work in Wayne County where he remained until 1885. While working in Wayne he was associated with the Carolina Enterprise, published by late Dr. E. E. Smith. In 1885 he went to Edgecombe County where he taught in the public schools and so conducted himself that through his influence many Negroes were placed in prominent positions.

gorous life, finds this apostle of interracial goodwill still hale, hearty and unusually active for a man who has spent nearly three-quarters of a century in educational work.

Possibly there is no man alive in North Carolina today who has known by personal contact as many prominent white and colored people of the state as Prof. Eppes. Within his own race he is considered a kind of "trouble shooter" when heads of educational institutions and other public supported organizations find themselves in difficult positions. Many a time has he used his influence to iron out or fix up a detriment to persons and institutions, as well as the entire race.

It has been said that "a prophet is not always saved in his own home." Apparently this is not true with the head of the Negro school system of Greenville. An interview with city officials and other prominent persons will disclose that Prof. Eppes has the esteem, the respect and admiration of all of them.

Among the members of the faculty of the Greenville Schools may be found some of the most competent teachers of the state. One teacher, Miss Iva Donnel has taught home economics in the system for more than 25 years.

Another who is loud in his praise for the Greenville school head is Prof. W. H. Davenport who has spent 13 years in the Greenville school system under the guidance of Prof. Eppes. Prof. Davenport is a graduate of Union University and has completed a graduate course in Administration at Hampton Institute. He is a conscientious worker and a believer in the doctrine of his principal. In addition he is Chairman of the High School section of the North Carolina Negro Teachers' Association. Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Negro High School Athletic Association. Chairman of Advancement for Negro Scouts, East Carolina Council, Vice Basileus of Nu Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Member of Civic League and a Mason.

Prof. Eppes has always been loyal to his race and has sought the friendship of members of both races who were interested in the Negro masses. He has on several occasions been honored by both his own and the opposite races. In 1899 he was appointed Supt. of the State Normal School at Plymouth, N. C. where he remained until 1903, serving under the State Superintendents Drs. Joyner and Mebane. In 1903 it was through the influence of the late Governor Jarvis that he was invited by the Board of Education to take charge of Greenville. Since coming to Greenville Prof. Eppes has watched the system grow from a three room frame building in which he started to work, to a system employing thirty-two teachers and school property valued at \$170,000. Upon coming to Greenville he began his work by setting out to promote better relations between the races. Hence today as a tribute to his efforts, Greenville stands foremost in what may be termed as harmonious relations between the two groups as may be found anywhere.

Prof. Eppes is a charter member of the North Carolina Negro Teachers' Association, was appointed to the Educational Congress by Governor Locke Craig, appointed by Governor O. Max Gardner to the Re-employment Commission of Eastern North Carolina, appointed by Governor Clyde B. Hoey along with Dr. J. W. Seabrook of Fayetteville and R. L. McDougald of Durham to represent North Carolina at the Desota-Mississippi Exposition. He was also appointed by both Governor Gardner and Hoey to the Interracial Commission of North Carolina. These and many other similar incidents mark the career of this great North Carolinian.

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Six A and T students must be ranked as brilliant. These are six of the twelve A and T juniors who were inducted in the A and T chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu, national honorary scholarship society, last week. To hold membership it is necessary to maintain an average of 2.3 and above for three years of college work. Reading from left to right, they are: Top Row—Avant Lowther, of Edenton, major in chemistry; Samuel Littlejohn, of Gaffney, South Carolina, major in mathematics and chemistry; James Rufin, of Tarboro, major in business administration. Bottom Row—John Williams, Littleton, of the mechanics arts division; Mrs. Hazel Oldham, of Greensboro, major in home economics; Frances Mebane, of Pantego, major in French and newly elected president of the student council.

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