



## New Type of Watermelon Grown at NCS

RALEIGH—A new watermelon variety suited to the needs of commercial producers has been developed by scientists at North Carolina State University.

Dr. Roy L. Lovvorn, director of the N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station, announced the release of the variety Sweet Princess as a high quality melon with small seed, wide adaptability and disease resistance.

The variety is described as having "an excellent taste and attractive appearance."

Originating from a cross of a small-seeded Congo and Charleston Gray, Sweet Princess has medium green, narrow stripes set on a light green background. The flesh is deep pink-red and solid. The rind is thin but strong and suitable for shipping.

Marketable yield is not significantly different from that of Charleston Gray, according to Dr. W. R. Henderson who conducted extensive tests of Sweet Princess in seven locations in the state. The variety was also tested regionally.

The average marketable yield was 28,500 pounds per acre in North Carolina tests. It had a slightly higher percentage of soluble solids than Charleston Gray in both tests.

Sweet Princess is resistant to anthracnose, races 1 and 3, and to fusarium wilt.

Dr. Henderson added that, because of the small size of the seed, Sweet Princess should be planted much shallower than normal for watermelon. He also explained this small-seeded feature "could be of value in the production of seedless watermelons."

A limited amount of Sweet Princess seed will be available to foundation seed producers by Nov. 15, 1966, from the N. C. Foundation Seed Producers, N. C. State University. The Agricultural Experiment Station will not have seed for distribution.



**CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY**—Mabel Pearl Tent No. 669 celebrated its Ninth Anniversary recently at the First Baptist Church of Oxford with a banquet. Guest speaker for the occasion was Mrs. Elizabeth R. Chavis. Her address was most inspiring and enjoyable. Leader of the Mabel Pearl Tent No. 669 is Mrs. Estelle Heard; assistant, Mrs. Louise Hargrave. Secretary is Mrs. Mary W. Har-

ris. Those in the top picture from left to right are: Mrs. Estelle Heard, Leader; Mrs. Louise Hargrave, Assistant Leader; Mrs. Elizabeth R. Chavis, Guest Speaker; Mrs. Ida Lyon, Senior Matron; Mrs. Ruth A. Davis, Financial Secretary; Mrs. Ella Hall, Treasurer; Mrs. Patsy B. Ridley, Chairman of Social Committee; Mrs. Mary W. Har-

ris, Recording Secretary. Those in the bottom picture from left to right are: Mrs. Minnie Elkerson, Mrs. Amanda Hunt Allen, Mrs. Berlene Glover, Mrs. Virginia Clark, Mrs. Lillian C. Royster, Mrs. Patsy B. Ridley, Mrs. Cora O'Brien, Mrs. Maude Clerk; back row, left to right: Mrs. Rosa Baskerville, Mrs. Seberta Cooper and Mrs. Annie R. Jordan.



**SORORS ENTERTAIN**—Sorors Lucia Taylor, Patsy Perry, Alice Kennedy, Betty Merritt and Mervin Couch entertained all sorors of Alpha Zeta Omega Chapter at a party in the home of the William Couches on Apex Highway last Saturday evening. Picture at top shows the hostesses at the top of the stairway and some of the Sorors are to be seen on the two pictures are those who attended the party.

## Harlem Physician to Head Hampton Centennial Drive

HAMPTON, Va.—Dr. Adrian Freeman, retired Chief Attending Traumatic Surgeon at Harlem and Mt. Morris Park Hospitals, will serve as Chairman of the National Alumni Campaign Committee for Hampton Institute's Centennial Fund drive.

His acceptance was announced by Dr. William W. Watson, President of the National Hampton Alumni Association on Saturday afternoon following a meeting of that body convened at the College.

Dr. Freeman will head a committee of approximately 10 men and women in a bid to raise \$200,000 from 8,000 alumni. This effort is a part of the predominantly Negro college's national drive for \$18,000,000 which, in two years, has raised over \$8,250,000 from 2,100 individuals, corporations and foundations.

Following his graduation from Hampton Institute in 1922, Dr. Freeman attended the University of Toledo and then enrolled at Western Reserve University earning his medical degree in 1929. He interned at Harlem Hospital and pursued post-graduate studies at New York Uni-

versity and Bellevue Hospital. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, the New York Academy of Medicine Society and numerous other professional organizations.

Long active in civic and educational affairs, Dr. Freeman has established graduate scholarship funds at both Hampton Institute and Western Reserve.

Oscar Hammerstein, the opera impresario, did the original work in the 1920 and controlled some of the basic patents on the first cigar making machines.

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## Elvin Bethea and Melvin Phillips Get Awards at A&T

GREENSBORO — Elvin Bethea and Melvin Phillips, two star athletes at A. and T. College, last week took the lion's share of awards at the annual athletic dinner.

The affair, a buffet and dance combination, at which the athletes in all sports and their guests attended, was held at the Charles Moore Gymnasium.

Bethea, who has been making headlines this spring in the track and field world in the shot put and discus events, and who last fall starred as tackle on the football team, was presented three top awards. He took the Golden Helmet Award, as the football player who contributed most to his team and who also excelled in scholarship and "the most versatile athlete plaque" and "Most Valuable Player" plaque for track and field.

Phillips, easily the star performer with the Aggie football team last season, has earned varsity letters also in baseball and swimming. He received the Philadelphia Alumni Trophy, which goes to the best all-around athlete in the senior class, and the "Most Valuable Player Trophy" in football. Edward Anderson of Char-

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