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Negro State Extension Agent Addresses Two High School Conferences of Negro Principals In North Carolina

John W. Mitchell, State Agent, Stresses Education And Its Relation To the Economic Life of Rural Negroes; Should Teach Farmers To Live At Home

Speaking before the Negro High Schools' District meetings held in Rocky Mount, N. C. on Friday, November 21, and in Greensboro, N. C., Monday, November 24, John W. Mitchell, Negro State Agent of the North Carolina Extension Service stressed very emphatically Education and Its Relation to the Economic Life of Rural Negroes, and in so doing, pointed out how the Co-operative Extension Service contributes as an educational factor in the movement. There are many people in North Carolina, as well as in other states, who are not acquainted with the Extension Service program, well enough to realize that its workers—both white and Negro, are recognized by the Federal, State and County governments as educators—a recognition which they have enjoyed since its creation under the sponsorship of Dr. Scaman A. Knapp, who was a former College President, an eminent scholar, orator, philosopher, and a man of international distinction. This is a national organization co-operating with State and County governments. The North Carolina Extension Service operates out from North Carolina State College, Raleigh, North Carolina, and has in its employment around four hundred men and women who serve the people in the rural communities of the state in the capacity of agricultural and home economics teachers, just as instructors of institutions of higher learning go out from the University teaching other courses. There are 63 Negro extension workers, including the five staff members, with headquarters at A. and T. College, scattered over 37 counties in North Carolina, serving my race, Mitchell continued.

Some one might ask: What is the status of Negroes in agriculture in North Carolina? In some individual cases Negro farm families are enjoying a much higher standard of living than at any period of our freedom. In practically every county in North Carolina where there is to be found an appreciable Negro rural population are to be found Negroes who own nice farms—some of their holdings run into the hundreds of acres; pretty farm homes, well furnished with beautiful lawns and shrubbery. It is not unusual to see rural Negro homes with electric current, not only in the house, but put to the poultry houses and barns. Recently, I visited a rural home with more electric appliances than one can ordinarily find in our city homes. There are Negro farm families who are handling real money as returns from the sale of certain crops. A few days ago while checking a corn variety demonstration in 16 varieties conducted by determining the best variety or varieties for that section, this farmer remarked that he wanted to finish the checking early enough to go to the nearby town before the bank closed for the day, that he had a check for \$1,700 he had received from the sale of his crop. He had a few more acres of his farm, he had a few more chickens, and he had a few more pigs. He had a few more chickens, and he had a few more pigs. He had a few more chickens, and he had a few more pigs.

Bennett Has Annual Hike

About 75 Bennett College students arose at 4 o'clock Thanksgiving morning to make the traditional Thanksgiving pilgrimage to the local county home, where they sang a sunrise serenade for the aged inmates. The group, which hiked from the Bennett campus to the institution, also carried gifts for the old people, and visited the woman's ward.

The hike, which is an annual event at Bennett, was conducted by the student Y. W. C. A. of the college, with Miss Mary Frances Harvey, '42, of Athens, Ga., as chairman of arrangements. The students were accompanied by several members of the faculty.

The yearly white breakfast was also held at Bennett on Thanksgiving morning, with students and faculty attending, dressed in white. Members of the Bennett Sunday School conducted the breakfast, which began with prayer by President David D. Jones of the college, followed by the singing of the hymn.

The remainder of the program which was announced by Miss Evelyn Floyd, '42, of Danville, Va., included a recitation by Miss Gloria McCottry, '45, of Charlotte, N. C., and a speech on Thanksgiving by Miss Annie Green, '42, of Henderson, N. C. The following quartet also sang: Miss Irma Graham, '42, of Daytona Beach, Fla.; Miss Margaret Boykin, '42, of Ridgewood, N. J.; Miss Dolly Hurd, '42, of Savannah, Ga.; and Miss Lottie McCoy, '42, of Columbus, Ohio.

Bennett Orchestra To Give Concert December 6

The Bennett College Orchestra will hold the annual outdoor concert on December 6. F. Nathaniel Gatlin, instructor of music at the college and

Popular Graduate of A. and T.



Miss Pearl Bernice Garrett, graduate of A. and T. College Class of 1939, as a student she was very active in a variety of college activities among which were: The Choral Society, the Kappa Phi Kappa Debating Society, the Gamma Tau Honorary Society from which she received medals for excellence of participation. Other organizations were the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the Register's staff, French club and the Y. W. C. A. From 1938-39 she held the coveted title of "Miss A. and T." Miss Garrett's major subjects in college were

English and History which she is now teaching at her high school alma mater, J. B. Dudley. This past summer she began work toward a master's degree at the University of Michigan in the field of speech. She is a very active member of the United Institutional Baptist Church, being the President of the Baptist Training Union, a member of the choir and chairman of the program committee of the County B. T. U. and Sunday School Union. She is also a contributing editor of the Union Reformer, official publication of the Baptist Church.

N. F. A. Chapter At Brown Summit

The N. F. A. chapter of Brown Summit for the year of 1941-42 was organized during the month of October and has been doing wonderful work since that time.

The chapter with the aid of its instructor, collected many useful products and foods, which on Thanksgiving eve, was distributed to the needy people of the community.

Other activities which the chapter has on its program for the year and has made plans to carry out are: Build book shelves for the library, plant grass on the school campus, help one of its members who plan to enter into the poultry business, build a poultry house, give a chapel program, have a father and son banquet, go on a hike, go on two field trips, and each member plans a well supported practice program for himself. The officers elected for the year are as follows:

- Lacy Wallington, Vice President
- George Waugh, Secretary
- Herman Partrich, Treasurer
- John H. Brown, Reporter
- James Mountain, Advisor
- M. M. Daniels, Principal

Though the Chapter is slightly smaller than in the preceding years, plans have already been made for more progress.

Borican Says Negro Must Be Art Educated

"In order to promote a greater appreciation for art, there must be a mass education of the people in this field," said John Borican, graduate art student at Columbia University and nationally known track champion, as principal speaker last week at the initial program of National Art Week at A. and T. College.

Mr. Borican said that he was "pleasantly surprised" to see the splendid work of the A. and T. Art department and the development of art at the institution. He attributed the successful work of Preston Haygood and Reuben Burrell, A. and T. graduates in art, to the fine training they received at the college.

"Art is one field in which the Negro has an equal opportunity with other racial groups," said the speaker. Citing the success of such outstanding race artists as Ollie Harrington, T. J. Heath and E. Simms Campbell, Mr. Borican said, "Not only does art offer the Negro the opportunity to advance himself socially, but financially, as well."

Prof. H. Clinton Taylor, Art Director, A. and T. College, introduced the speaker.

During the week the works of the following artists were exhibited in the art department: Mrs. Eva Hamill Miller, former art instructor at Bennett College; Rex Gorlegh, now studying at the University of Chicago; Preston Haygood of Greensboro; Reuben Burrell, of Portsmouth, Va. and H. Clinton Taylor. Special demonstrations of laboratory techniques were given for the benefit of the visitors.

MRS. WALLACE AND MRS. CORBETT ARE INJURED

Friday evening, November 21, at 7:00 o'clock, Mrs. Emma Wallace and Mrs. Alexander Corbett were injured in an accident while en route to the intersection of Third and Washington streets. The accident was caused by a truck which was taken by Richard J. Richardson, 1214 W. Washington street, who was driving west on Third street at the time of the collision.

director of the orchestra, announced this week. The orchestra is now in its third year of development and includes 35 pieces.

Mr. Gatlin, who has taught at Bennett since 1938, is a graduate of the School of Music at Oberlin College.

Elite Club



Always active in chapter meetings of the Elite Club are (left) Robert Johnson, James Hester, and Francis D. Edwards, officers of the club. Standing in the center is Miss Mary Frances Harvey, '42, of Athens, Ga., chairman of arrangements for the annual hike. Other members of the club are (right) Miss Lottie McCoy, '42, of Columbus, Ohio; Miss Dolly Hurd, '42, of Savannah, Ga.; Miss Annie Green, '42, of Henderson, N. C.; and Miss Gloria McCottry, '45, of Charlotte, N. C.