

## DEATHS AND FUNERALS

Funeral services for Miss Tannie Maude Ellis were conducted Tuesday, Feb. 3, 1970 at 3:00 p.m. in the Smith's Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. John Gray, pastor, Holmes Grove United Methodist Church, officiated.

Miss Ellis, daughter of the late Lonnie Ellis and late Mattie Ellis Jones was born Jan. 6, 1920 in Guilford County and departed this life January 31, 1970 in Greensboro, N. C.

She graduated from Dudley High School and attended Howard University and Hunter College. She was a member of Holmes Grove United Methodist Church.

She is survived by two brothers, Clarence and David Ellis; one sister, Mrs. Mary Stout; seven nieces and six nephews.

Smith's Funeral Directors in charge of arrangements.



MISS TANNIE MAUDE ELLIS

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2:00 P.M. from McLeansville Baptist Church, with the Rev. Weaver Davis, officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery, with military rites.

Survivors are: parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Williamson, of the home; seven sisters, Miss Ruthie, Jeanett and Mary Williamson all of the home, Mrs. Partenia Shoffner of Greensboro, N. C., Mrs. Betty Foust of Sedalia, N. C., Mrs. Helen Porter of Gibsonville, N. C., Miss Gracie Williamson of Washington, D. C.; three brothers, Mr. Robert Williamson of the home, Paul Williamson, Jr. of Greensboro, N. C., and Roy Lee Williamson of McLeansville; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Williamson of Sedalia, N. C.

Hargett Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.



MR. WILLIE WILLIAMSON

Mr. Willie Williamson, age 26 of Rt. 2, Gibsonville, N. C., died Saturday, at L. Richardson Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

Funeral services for Mrs. Agnes J. Scipio were conducted at St. Luke United Methodist Church, Asheboro, N. C. on Thursday, Feb. 5, 1970 at 1:00 P.M., with Rev. A. W. Brown, Jr., officiating.

Agnes J. Scipio, was born September 11, 1921 in Asheboro, N. C. and died Sunday, Feb. 1 of a sudden illness. She was the third child born to Mrs. Mattie G. and the late Rev. Garfield Luther.

Mrs. Scipio was an honor graduate of Central High School in Asheboro and also of La Mae Beauty College of Winston-Salem, N. C. in the class of 1945.

In 1948 she was united in marriage to Mr. Edward N. Scipio, and for the past 21 years, she and her husband made their home in Philadelphia, Pa.

She leaves her husband, Mr. Edward W. Scipio of the home; one son, Mr. John G. Julius of Asheboro, N. C.; mother, Mrs. Mattie G. Luther of Asheboro, N. C.; one sister, Mrs. Marie McLean of Baltimore, Md.; two brothers, Mr. Paul Luther of Asheboro, N. C. and Mr. J. T.

MRS. AGNES J. SCPIO

Luther of Baltimore, Md.; three nephews, Mr. Harold Anderson of Asheboro, N. C., Mr. John G. McLean of Baltimore, Md., and Mr. Alfred McLean, Jr. of Asheboro, N. C. and a host of relatives and friends.

Hargett Funeral Home, Asheboro, N. C. in charge of arrangements.

## Stirring Gospel Songs Revive Interest In Religion At A&T

If someone had told the Rev. Cleo McCoy just a few months ago that nearly 500 students would show up for a Sunday religious service at A&T State University, he probably would have regarded the statement as a joke.

But when a dedicated group of students and faculty members decided to stage their own "spiritual happening," the crowds became a reality.

"I have never seen anything like this before," said McCoy, director of the A&T chapel. "We haven't had crowds like this in a very long time."

He watched with interest as small knots of students, some casually dressed, continued to make their way into the spacious Harrison Auditorium on the campus.

Like many of the nation's colleges, A&T had just about given up on attempts at conducting a regular religious service. That is, before the unique Fellowship Vespers came along.

Fellowship Vespers, despite its somewhat stilted name, is more like jazzed up form of an old fashioned singing and worship service.

But the students say "it's relevant" and "their kind of thing." The principal attraction of the one-hour service are stirring spirituals and gospel tunes sung by a 70-voice student choir.

The choir was the brainchild of Albert Smith, youthful athletic director and director of the A&T Memorial Student Union. As a member of the campus religious committee, Smith had suggested the formation of the choir to McCoy.

"I had an idea that we could get some students interested in the choir," said Smith, "But I was really shocked when more than 60 of them showed up for the initial practice."

The choir's repertoire consists of many of the songs familiar in the rural and urban black

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## Protect Plants From Winter Damage

Guilford County Agricultural Extension Agent, John D. Carroll reports that local homeowners have had excessive damage to trees and shrubs during the extremely cold weather in January. He suggests that all homeowners should be sure to provide adequate winter protection for their plants. The amount of protection needed depends upon the natural hardness of the plant and the severity of the climate.

Extreme cold will cause twigs, stems and branches to freeze. Too much moisture loss or severe cold often causes winter killing, particularly in evergreens. Most winter moisture

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## A&T WINS \$15,000 G.E. GRANT TO AID ENGINEERING PROGRAM

Officials at the A&T State University School of Engineering were notified Friday that the school has been approved for a grant of \$15,000 over a three-year period from the General Electric Foundation.

Announcement of the grant was made to A&T president Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy by Dr. Donald J. Watson, secretary of the foundation. He said A&T will be given \$5,000 a year for three years.

Watson said that the funds are being made available to the dean of the A&T School of Engineering for faculty development and improvement or for support of students as the particular needs of the schools dictates.

He also said that the General Electric Foundation will work closely with the American Society for Engineering Education to help the school obtain effectiveness from the funds.

"We are indeed pleased with this grant," said Dr. Reginald Amory, dean of the A&T school.

"Since this is somewhat of an unrestricted gift, it will enable us to enrich our fast growing programs."

The ASEE has been working with A&T and other predominantly-black engineering colleges since 1965, arranging faculty exchanges between those colleges and certain major engineering schools for the sharing of ideas and experiences.

A&T has had this kind of exchange program with Virginia Polytechnic Institute. This program was one of the factors which helped A&T in getting its accreditation last July by the Engineers' Council for Professional Development (ECPD), highest accreditation agency in the nation for engineering education. The A&T school is one of three accredited engineering schools in the state.

"One of the greatest needs of the predominantly-black college," said Watson, "is for funds to attract faculty, and retain faculty in light of the recruiting efforts of better financed institutions."

## Additional Records Expected to Fall During 25th Annual CIAA Tourney

A number of individual and team records may fall at the 25th annual CIAA Tournament to be staged in the huge Greensboro Coliseum Feb. 26-28.

The eight teams selected for the three-day playoffs will include some of the nation's top small-college basketball stars.

Already a shoo in for a tournament berth is high-scoring Maryland State, the only unbeaten team in the conference. The Hawks are in the top 10 of both the Associated Press and the NAIA poll.

Two other nationally ranked teams, North Carolina A&T and Elizabeth City, are also making a strong bid for a chance to compete in the tournament.

The other explosive team with a good chance to make the tournament is hot-shooting Norfolk State, coached by Bob Smith.

One record which could easily fall during the tourney is the single-game scoring mark. Maryland State, Norfolk State and Elizabeth City are currently leading the nation in team offense and A&T is among the top 20 teams.

The current record is 134 points, set two years ago in the tournament's finals by the Spartans.

Possibly participating in this year's tournament will be three of the nation's prime pro prospects. Maryland State's Jake Ford, the Vikings' Israel Oliver, Norfolk State's Johnny McKinney and A&T's Lonnie Klutz, are expected to attract a bevy of scouts to the tourney.

Meanwhile, balloting for the all-time great All-CIAA Tournament team was being continued by a blue ribbon panel of athletes, coaches and fans. Announcement of the team is expected to be made on Feb. 15.

The all-time great team will be special guests of the Tournament Committee during this year's playoffs and will be honored at a luncheon sponsored by Commercial Credit Company on Feb. 28.

## A&T PROFESSOR PICKED FOR TRIP TO RUSSIA

Dr. Howard F. Robinson, director of institutional research at A&T State University, was elected this week to join a group of agricultural economists in a study-tour of Russia next summer.

Dr. Robinson, also a professor of economics at A&T, will attend the Conference of the International Association of Agricultural Economists to be held in Minsk, Russia Aug. 24-Sept. 2.

"I am very happy to receive this honor of representing my profession, my university and my country," said Robinson. "It is an opportunity of which any of my peers would be proud."

Robinson's attendance at the conference is being made possible by a grant from the United States Council of the IAAB, of which he is a member.

Following the conference, he will join a group of agricultural economists from higher education, government and private industry on several study tours.