

Leaders, Faculty-Staff And Students Bid Farewell To Dr. Willa B. Player

GREENSBORO -- Leaders in religion, education, business and industry joined with Bennett College alumnae, faculty-staff and students to bid farewell to President Willa B. Player at a special convocation here Saturday.

Dr. Player relinquished the administrative reins of the institution as of March 1 to Dean Chauncey G. Winston, who becomes acting president. On that same date she assumed the directorship of the division of college support in the U. S. Office of Education of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, in Washington, D. C.

Dr. Player came to the college in 1930 and assumed the presidency in 1955 after Dr. David P. Jones was retired. She was the recipient of a number of gifts, among them a silver service from the Greensboro graduate chapter, a silver bowl from the faculty and staff, several gold charm replicas of campus buildings from the student body, and a key to the city presented by Mayor William L. Trotter.

Dean Winston, who presided, recognized the presence in the audience of a number of special guests, among them, Mrs. David D. Jones, wife of the late president and Mrs. Raymond Brown, of Akron, Ohio, sister of Dr. Player.

In his tribute to Dr. Player, Bishop Prince A. Taylor, of Princeton, N. J., a trustee and former Bennett teacher -- who represented the Methodist Church -- said, "She never ac-

cepted a second best as long as the best was within her reach." Calling Dr. Player "a new missionary for a new day," Mrs. Carl King, of Statesville, also a trustee, who represented the Woman's Division of Christian Service, described her as a P. Q. W. -- "a professionally qualified woman."

Dr. J. A. Tarpley, treasurer of the trustee board, representing that body said: "She has already honored herself by building her own monument from which none can detract."

Dr. A. R. Keppel, executive director of the Piedmont University Center, Inc., said: "She has been a pillar of great strength in the establishment and operation of the center which she served as secretary since its inception . . . She is simply moving into another house and expanding her neighborhood."

From neighboring A&T Col-



lege came Dr. L. C. Dowdy who said: "We are thankful for what you have done to help the state colleges realize that they and the private institutions are fighting the same battle," before presenting to her a citation from the "3400 students, 10,000 graduates, faculty and trustees" of institution.

Others who made expressions of appreciation to Dr. Player included: Vance H. Chavis, representing the United Negro College Fund; Dr. G. H. Evans, for the community; Bland W. Worley for the business community; Dr. J. Ralph Jolly, for the private colleges; Phillip J. Weaver, for the city school system.

The Rev. G. M. Phelps, '14, for the graduates before 1930, and Mrs. Alma T. Taylor, '30, for the graduates after 1930; Miss Mittle White, '66, for the student body and Mrs. Blanche Ralford, for the faculty-staff. Letters were read from Dr. A. Hollis Eden, executive director of the Mary Reynolds Babeck Foundation; Bishop Charles L. Golden, of the Nashville-Carolina Area of the Methodist Church, and a telegram from Dr. F. D. Patterson, chairman of the board.

In her response, Dr. Player said: "All of us are aware of the fact that no single person ever does all by himself. If we have had the slightest opportunity to render the slightest service, we owe it to you. I am deeply grateful to you."

"But please remember that no task can be greater for me than the task here and that government or no government, it will always be Bennett."

Protest Against Food Ser. Firm

GREENSBORO -- A group of A&T College students last Tuesday afternoon picketed one of the dining halls for part of the dinner meal and held a brief mass meeting at the Holland Hall Bow in protest against the newly-installed food service plan.

The college food service, since January 3 of this year, has been handled under contract by one of the nation's leading catering firms, specializing in food service for the

college and university campus.

Protest leaders complained that the firm, which also has contract with the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, provides at A&T a daily menu below the standard of that which it provides at UNC-G.

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"BEST OF LUCK" -- Dr. Willa B. Player, whose tenure as president of Bennett College ended this week, greets Dr. Samuel Duncan, president of Livingstone College, Salisbury, during reception which followed convocation in her honor on Saturday. At right, Mrs. David D. Jones, wife of Bennett's late president, greets another guest.

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Sophomores: Aretha Butler, Eastover, S. C.; Edrice R. Glass, Atlanta, Ga.; Eleanor A. Mitchell, Orlando, Fla.; Johnnie M. Montgomery, Greensboro; Lillian L. Pinder, Titusville, Fla.; Deborah Suber, Phila., Pa.; Marshayn, Yeargin, Greenville, S. C.; Carolyn T. Lowery, Clover, S. C.

Juniors: Gloria J. Benson, Columbia, S. C.; Jessie M. Cardwell, Greensboro; Cardenia V. Cole, Clover, S. C.; Mary C. Cole, Chapel Hill; Patricia A. Faison, New Bern; Wilma J. Griffin, Columbus, Ga.; Theresa A. Hall, Washington, D. C.; Mary D. Jacobs, Mebane; Sharyn C. Marshall, Atlantic City, N. J.; and Clenda F. Smith, Greensboro.

Seniors: Kate N. Aseme, Nigeria, W. Africa; Amanda M. Houston, Kinston; Marian P. Kelly, South Norwalk, Conn.; Carolyn J. King, Waycross, Ga.; and Eva F. Rice, Washington, D. C.

Negro Made Cop Captain

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- Tilmon B. O'Bryant, 45, last week joined the ever-growing list of Negro policemen to rise in ranks to the captaincy.

Given his captain's insignia last week, O'Bryant becomes the second Negro to hold that rank in the Metropolitan Police department. In so doing, he established two "firsts."

He is the first Negro to attain the rank from the plainclothes division, and last fall, was the first Negro to graduate from the FBI police academy.

Since graduation, he has been holding special classes for Negro policemen, emphasizing the need to apply themselves to progress through the ranks.

Commended many times, he shared the Policeman of the Month award in December, 1957, for his work in solving a number of rape and robbery cases in the southeastern section of the city.

He spent 10 years as a patrolman before being assigned in 1957 to the detective division.

BAND ECHOES

BY JOSEPH L. EDWARDS
It is first down and goal to go for the Ligon Band Uniforms. Community and school support has been very good thus far. Only a little more needs to be accomplished to complete the job. Many thanks from the music department for those that have given moral and financial support to the effort. We are sure that everyone will like the new look for the Ligon Band.

On March fourth, the music department presented its seventh annual senior recital in the school auditorium. The participants were: Jacqueline Scott, Soprano; Dorothy Lane, Soprano; Bernard Davis, Bass and the String Quintet composed of: Doris Avery, Brenda Jordan and Barbara Moring, Violins; Anna Thomas, Viola and Dorothy Rattle, Cello, Earl Walters, senior Trumpet player

will be presented on March 16. The Science, Mathematics and Fine Arts Departments will present the annual Science Fair and Fine Arts Festival on the weekend of March 12th to the 14th. The weekend will be devoted to the development of creativity, critical thinking and other artistic endeavors.

The Art department will exhibit many of the various art mediums of expression. The Drama Department will show examples of stage decorum, state presence and good speech habits. The music department will present selections from the Classical masters up to the present day idioms. We need your support and encouragement so plan to pay us a visit during the weekend.

Go To Church Sun. Sunday



DISCUSS JOB OPPORTUNITIES - J. B. Miller, local technical recruiter for the IBM Corporation, visited St. Augustine's College recently to discuss job opportunities with interested students for positions in professional and technical areas with IBM. Miller (seated) is shown talking to Erick May, a senior chemistry major.

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TO NATIONAL 4-H FORUM-- This 4-H Leader will attend the National 4-H Leaders Forum in Washington, D. C., March 14-19. Pictured above is Fitchugh Newton, 4-H Club Leader of Wallace. The trip will consist of discussions, tours, and new experiences. The overall purpose is to gain new ideas for becoming more effective in working with young people in 4-H.

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March 13, 2:00 - 7:00 P.M.	— Biological and Physical Science Exhibit (Gym).
March 13, 4:00 P.M.	— Art Exhibit (Auditorium Lobby).
March 13, 4:30 P.M.	— Junior H. S. and Elementary Music Concert.
March 14, 7:00 P.M.	— Art Exhibit (Auditorium Lobby).
March 14, 7:30 P.M.	— High School Dance, Drama and Music Presentations.

FEATURING: The City Elementary Schools, The F. J. Carnegie Junior-Senior H. S. Vocal & Instrumental Depts., The J. W. Ligon Junior-Senior H. S. Fine Arts Dept. and The J. W. Ligon Department of Science and Mathematics.

Proceeds from the "Fine Arts" Patron Tickets will be used for the completion of the Ligon Band Uniform Drive. All exhibits are free. Parents that wish to start their children in the instrumental music program next year may meet with the instrumental teachers after the Sunday afternoon concert.

"DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH, MARCH WITH LIGON" Dates to remember: The North Carolina State Drama Festival at Ligon, March 25, 26. Contributions for the Band Uniform Drive may be sent to: "Ligon Band Uniform Drive" in care of Ligon H. S. Tickets may be obtained from band members or faculty.

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