

ELIZABETH CITY—For the second time in six years the name of the four-year institution of higher learning, located at Elizabeth City, is changed. As a result of the passage of a bill by the General Assembly of North Carolina, Elizabeth City State College officially became Elizabeth City State University, effective as of July 1.

The name change, however, does not currently affect the status and structure of the institutions. While joining Fayetteville State and Winston-Salem State in this transformation, ECSU maintains an undergraduate program with twelve academic areas which lead to the BS and BA degrees.

Under its new president, Dr. Marion D. Thorpe, ECSU is now in the process of proposing and activating ways and means of upgrading its facilities, staff, and offerings to full, top-rated recognition on the four-year level. Once this has been achieved, and with the full support of an approval by the State Board of Higher Education and the General Assembly, ECSU will then add those graduate and doctoral programs which will be relevant to the needs of the students, area, and state.

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**THE GOSPEL WORLD**  
BY JAMES THOMAS

A big gospel program is set for Sunday night, July 13, at the Lily of The Valley Church at 7:30. On program will be the Divine Travelers, the Heavenly Gospel Singers, and the Golden Bells.

Revival services are in progress at the Paradise AME Zion Church. Rev. Fisher is the speaker.

The 15th anniversary of the Gospel Jubilee Singers will be observed at the Raleigh Safety Club Sunday night at 7:30. Doors will open at 6:30. On program will be the Harmonizing Five of Burlington, the Oxford Harmonizers of Oxford, the Evening Five, the Macedonia Four, and others. Little Ernest Burwell will be the guest speaker. The Gospel Jubilee Singers will be the M. C.'s.

There will be a Children's Day program at the First Baptist Church in Middlesex Sunday at 2 o'clock.

The member of Linden Chapel Holiness Church in Bunnlevel



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will be celebrating the anniversary of Rev. Johnny Walker Sunday at 2 o'clock. Several groups are expected to attend.

The Carolina Wonders are presenting a big gospel musical program Sunday night at 7:30 at the Zion Baptist Church in Oxford. On program will be the Sampson Harmonizers of Lenoir, the Spiritual Travelers of Yanceyville and others.

Green Chapel Church will observe Men's Day Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. The community male chorus of the White Oak Baptist Church will furnish the music.

The Capital City Five, the Gospelaires and others will sing at the Mt. Zion Church in Zebulon, July 13 at 7:30.

Sunday, July 13, a big song festival of many choirs, choruses, and groups will be held at the Mt. Sinai Holiness Church on the corner of Martin and Swain Streets at 3 o'clock. Guests on

the program will be the Voices of Harmony, Smith Temple Choir. This program is sponsored by the Gospelaires of Raleigh.

The next two big attractions coming this way will be held in Holly Springs, sponsored by the Daughters of Zion at the Holly Springs School July 16, a Wednesday night. On program will be the Five Blind Boys of Ala., Swanee Quintet and the Daughters of Zion. The same program will move to Knightdale on July 17, sponsored by the Knightdale Group of the Good Hope Baptist Church. It will be held at the Lockhart School at 8 o'clock.

Until next week, here is our thought for today: "O God of righteous and truth, we have disobeyed thy command and strayed from Thy ways. Forgive us for our sins. Call us back to our true home."

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North Carolina ranks 15th in total tax paid by the 58 districts in the United States. In 1968 North Carolina sources paid in \$3,567,050,000 in federal taxes.



**PLAN ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM SUNDAY -** Brother Edward Holloway (second from left, back row) and the "Great" Gospel Jubilee Singers, above, will celebrate their fifteenth anniversary on Sunday, July 13 with a program at the Raleigh Safety Club. The doors will open at 6:30, with the program slated to begin at 7:30. On the program will be the Clifton Sisters of Louisburg; Harmonizing Five, Burlington; Oxford Harmonizers, Oxford; E D Hall and the "Sensational" Evening Five, the Macedonia Four and the Silver Echoes, all of Raleigh. Special guest will be Little Ernest Burwell of Butner. The Gospel Jubilees will serve as masters of ceremony. A cash prize will be given.

**North Carolina College Is No More: It Is NCCU**

DURHAM—North Carolina today became North Carolina Central University, without fanfare or ceremony.

For 44 years of the 59 since it was founded in 1910 by the late James E. Shepard, the Durham institution has been named North Carolina College. In the 15 years between its founding and its reorganization as North Carolina College for Negroes in 1925, the institution was, in order, the National Religious Training School and Chautauqua, the National Training School, and the Durham State Normal School.

For 22 years, until 1947, the college carried the racial designation as part of its name. In 1947, the name was changed to North Carolina College at Durham.

The original physical plant, housed in eight buildings with electric lights and steam heat, was valued at \$60,000 when private donors helped Dr. Shepard establish the school one-half mile from the corporate limits of Durham. Today, the university, still on the same site, has a physical plant valued at \$14,000,000. There are 40 buildings on the seventy-two acre campus.

Regional university status will not affect the immediate programs of the new university, which was qualified as a regional university when that designation was given to four other colleges in 1967. Gradu-

ate and professional programs were authorized in 1939, and the graduate programs began in that year. The School of Law was established in 1940, and the School of Library Science in 1941.

The college offered for ten years, from 1952 to 1962, a Ph. D. program in Education.

If regional university status will have no immediate effect on the programs of North Carolina Central University, it is because the college's own view of its mission conforms to the regional university concept.

As North Carolina College, the new university has played a major role in assisting public school systems in the region to accept and adjust to the patterns of desegregation. Faculty members have played key roles in desegregation workshops in school systems throughout the central Piedmont.

In a joint program with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina College conducted programs in the Chapel Hill public school system to develop new roles for student teachers and teachers in a desegregated system.

Two institutes on the regional university campus this summer are specifically aimed at training college and high school teachers, most of them white, in Negro history and literature, in recognition of a serious flaw in American education today.

Other institutes on the NCC campus, as well as several regular school year programs, have long attracted students from across the nation, without regard to race. Prominent among these is the nursing program, which is the only such program in the state offered to graduates of hospital nursing programs exclusively. The B.S. degree offered to these nurses who already have their R. N. status qualifies them for advanced degree work and for teaching in some nursing schools.

Nevertheless, the new university anticipates a predominantly Negro enrollment for "at least the next 10-12 period," in the words of the recent self-study conducted by the college faculty. The self-study uses the words of the university president, Dr. Albert N. Whiting, in describing its mission: "to prepare its students for effective participation in an unsheltered, integrated society."

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will require parallel programs of quality instruction and remedial instruction, designed to prepare the academically handicapped student as well as the more advantaged student for the society described.

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