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Stone Hall Tower

John Hope's Name To Be Perpetuated in New Housing Project

A second federal housing project for the colored people of Atlanta will bear the name of the "John Hope Homes," in honor of Atlanta's great Negro educator, the late Dr. John Hope. It is in recognition of his work toward placing Atlanta among the foremost educational centers in the world for Negro youth as well as his achievement in civic affairs that this latest posthumous honor was given.

Now under construction, these new homes, which adjoin the University Homes, will be built on approximately thirty acres of land bounded on the south by Peters Street, on the east by McDaniel and Chapel Streets, on the north by Larkin Street, and on the west by Dora and Leonard Streets. There will be provision for 660 family units, containing 2,310 rooms, with ample space for recreational facilities. The development will replace 425 dilapidated homes, of which 78 per cent were substandard. Forty-four per cent were without running water; 46 per cent adjudged unfit to live in, and in sore need of repair; and 62 per cent without baths.

Unlike the University Homes, each tenant in the John Hope Homes will have his own front and back yards, and each will have a private entrance to his home. The homes will range from 2½ to 5 rooms, and the dwellings will be one and two stories high.

Atlanta University to Have New Publication

Beginning in January, 1940, Atlanta University will publish a scholarly journal, under the title of "Phylon, the Atlanta University Review of Race and Culture." The new publication, to be issued quarterly, will treat the race problems of the South, the United States, and the world. But these problems will be concerned not so much with physical and hereditary differences as with the culture and cultural developments of the race. Publication of the new quarterly in some respects will be a resumption of the old Atlanta University publications, which were issued annually for eighteen years, between 1897 and 1914.

An editorial board will have charge of the magazine. Appointed editor-in-chief is Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, chairman of the department of sociology at Atlanta University, and the former editor of the Atlanta University Publications. For twenty-four years Dr. DuBois served as director of publications for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and as editor of its official organ, *The Crisis*. He is considered one of the foremost writers in this country. At the present time the new editor is working on an Encyclopaedia of the Negro, under the sponsorship of the Phelps Stokes Fund. Some of his books include "The Suppression of the African Slave Trade," "The Souls of Black Folk," "Darkwater," "The Gifts of Black Folk," "The Quest of the Silver Fleece," "Black Reconstruction," and "Black Folk, Then and Now."

To serve as managing editor, President Clement has appointed Dr. Ira De A. Reid, also of the department of sociology of Atlanta University, who was in charge of research for the National Urban League for ten years before he joined the faculty of Atlanta University in 1934.

Other members of the editorial board are Dr. William Stanley Braithwaite, of the department of English; Dr. William H. Dean, of the department of economics; Dr. Rushton Coulborn, of the department of history; Dr. Oran W. Eagleson, of the department of psychology; and Dr. W. Mercer Cook, of the department of French. President Clement will serve on this board. The quarterly will have the cooperation of the faculties of the University system, Morris Brown College, and Clark University. At a later date, a board of contributing editors will be appointed who are resident outside the University.

Modest in size, "Phylon" will contain from one hundred to one hundred and fifty pages, and illustrations. The articles will be popular as well as highly scientific. The magazine will contain literature, poetry, book notices and reviews.

The price of this new publication will be small, and support is solicited not only from graduates and friends of the University system, but also from the general public.

Dr. Rushton Coulborn Directs Forums on International Affairs

Five public forums in the field of international affairs were conducted at Atlanta University from November 28 through December 19, under the direction of Dr. Rushton Coulborn, chairman of the department of history.

The general topic for the forums was "The War and Europe's Eastern Question." The various subjects discussed in the series were "The Peoples of Eastern Europe"; "Strategy, Political and Military, in the Baltic"; "The Danubian Question"; "The Balkan Question"; and "The War and Europe's Eastern Question."

Dr. Coulborn, who joined the faculty of Atlanta University at the beginning of the second semester last year, on the evening of September 1 discussed over station WFAA (Dallas) the Russian political and economic agreement with Germany. He was in Dallas, Texas, from November 6 through the 17th to serve as leader of the first of the Civic Federation Institutes for 1939-40.

Since coming to America in 1938, Dr. Coulborn has participated as leader in the Institute of Public Affairs at Southern Methodist University, and as lecturer for the Harris Memorial Foundation in International Affairs at the University of Chicago. He is a former lecturer on diplomatic history in the University of London and at Sussex House. The Harris Foundation lectures, delivered during the summer of 1939, have recently appeared in a volume issued by the University of Chicago Press.

Atlanta University Registrar to Direct New Alumni Campaign

BECAUSE of his great success a little more than a decade ago in directing the first Atlanta University Alumni Campaign, John P. Whittaker, one of the University's outstanding graduates, has been chosen to head the second alumni campaign, which will open early in January, 1940.

Well known as an educator, administrator, civic worker, and churchman, Mr. Whittaker established an enviable reputation in 1926 as a successful campaign manager when he accomplished the difficult feat of raising more than \$40,000 in the period of one year from alumni and friends of Atlanta University. In the new campaign, the goal has been set at \$30,000. The amount raised will be matched dollar for dollar by the General Education Board, thereby increasing the endowment of the University by the sum of \$60,000 if this part of the campaign is successful.

Perhaps no person is better prepared today for this big assignment than the man selected. His qualifications for the job are many, but outstanding is the intimate knowledge of Atlanta University graduates which he has gained as student, teacher, and administrator during the administrations of four presidents—Edward Twichell Ware, Myron W. Adams, John Hope, and Rufus E. Clement, all of whom it has been his privilege to assist in the promotion of education in Atlanta.

For almost a quarter of a century, "Dean" Whittaker, as he is still familiarly known to many of the graduates, has been giving generously of his services toward the educational advancement of Negro youth. During this time he has been vitally concerned with the growth and program of Atlanta University, and in many instances he has helped to shape the policies of the affiliated institutions.

Mr. Whittaker entered Atlanta University in 1910, coming directly from Tuskegee Institute where he had been graduated from the high school department. It was at Tuskegee that he learned the carpenter's trade, which provided him with the means to earn sufficient funds for a college education. It was also at Tuskegee that he developed many of the basic habits for successful living, which were to become so vital a part of his existence in later years.

After four years at Atlanta University, Mr. Whittaker received the bachelor of arts degree and seven years later received the bachelor of science degree from the University of Chicago. His study was continued at Columbia University, and this institution granted him the master of arts degree in 1928.

Mr. Whittaker's first opportunity to engage in educational work came at Texas College shortly after his graduation from Atlanta University, and for one year he served this institution as director of the academic department.

In 1916 he returned to his alma mater to become a teacher of high school branches at Knowles High School, and four years later his faithful services were rewarded when he was made principal of this department.

In 1919 he was married to Miss Alva Louise Brown, also a graduate of Atlanta University, who later served on the faculty for one year (1920-1921) as a teacher of Latin.

Mr. Whittaker became dean and registrar of Atlanta University in 1923, and in this capacity he served until the undergraduate college work was abandoned. After Atlanta University, Morehouse College, and Spelman College became affiliated, he became registrar of the graduate school; and in 1931, on the abolition of the separate records office at Morehouse College, he took over additional duties and became registrar of both institutions.

Another significant contribution made by Mr. Whittaker has been the building-up of the Atlanta University Summer School, which has become an outstanding institution in the far South, attracting students from all over the United States.

Since 1933, when the seven institutions for higher learning in Atlanta first combined for the summer program, Mr. Whittaker has had the guidance of the school, and under his direction the enrollment has almost doubled and the program become greatly enriched.

Mr. Whittaker is the first vice-president of the Association of Deans and Registrars in Colored Schools, and he is also a member of the Commission on Higher Education of the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools for Negroes.

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JOHN P. WHITTAKER
Educator, Civic Worker, Churchman

Atlanta University's Oldest Living College Graduate Visits Alma Mater

Dr. Richard R. Wright, president of the Citizens and Southern Bank in Philadelphia, and Atlanta University's oldest living college graduate, returned to his alma mater the first week in November to visit the institution from which he was graduated more than 63 years ago.

From the time of his arrival until his departure, Dr. Wright was busy with speaking engagements, attending luncheons and dinners, visiting Atlanta business houses, and appearing before classes in the University system. He spoke at three colleges in the city—Morris Brown College, Morehouse College, and Spelman College. In his address at Morehouse, the distinguished alumnus paid high tribute to Dr. William J. White, founder of the college, who gave

him his first opportunity to start on his career in a large city.

Among the many events scheduled in his honor was an Open House, held at the Atlanta University Dormitories on November 2, under the joint auspices of the University and the Alumni Association. On this occasion, Dr. Wright, who is nationally prominent in the varied fields of education, business, banking, and politics, was greeted by a host of friends, faculties of the affiliated institutions, and graduate students. Prominent among the alumni group were Mrs. Georgia Swift King, who finished the Normal Department of Atlanta University in 1874; Dr. James R. Porter, of the

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OPEN HOUSE AT ATLANTA UNIVERSITY

Seated (from left to right): Dr. Richard R. Wright, the guest of honor; Mrs. Georgia Swift King and President Emeritus Samuel Howard Archer of Morehouse College. Standing (from left to right): President Florence M. Read of Spelman College, President Rufus E. Clement at Atlanta University, and Mr. Eugene M. Martin, '12, President of the Atlanta University Alumni Association.

President of University Greets New Members of System

In honor of the new members of the faculties and staffs of the affiliated institutions, President and Mrs. Rufus E. Clement of Atlanta University entertained at tea on Sunday afternoon, October 8, at the president's residence. From 4:30 until 6:30 o'clock, the host and hostess welcomed their guests.

New to the gathering were Miss Stella Mather, Baltimore, Maryland; Miss Ethel McVeety, Fargo, North Dakota; and Mrs. Gladys Reid, New York City, all of the department of home economics at Spelman College; Dr. A. W. Loos, of the departments of religion and philosophy at the same institution; and Miss Jean Coston, Indianapolis, Indiana, and Mr. Owen Dodson, Brooklyn, New York, appointed to the Spelman department of fine arts. Others welcomed from Spelman College were Miss Elizabeth Jackson, Joliet, Illinois, a new member of the history faculty; and three members of the staff: Mrs. Rebekah Jeffries, dean of freshmen; Miss Doris Davis, Roslyn, New York, secretary to the president; and Miss Jennie Mae Barnes, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, secretary to the registrar.

From the Atlanta University staff to be greeted on this occasion as new members of the system were: Mr. Albert C. Spurlock, Peoria, Illinois; Mr. William N. Jackson, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Miss Katherine Taylor, Scarsdale, New York; Miss Mildred I. Fisher, Selma, Alabama; and Miss Eva Glass, Louisville, Kentucky, all of the Laboratory School; Miss Virginia Mae Lacy, Clarksburg, West Virginia; and Miss Jennie Mae Pritchard, Atlanta, of the library staff; and Miss Thelma Kenney, of Boston, Massachusetts, and Miss Sarah Martin, also of Boston, Massachusetts, of the secretarial staff.

Others welcomed were Miss Mary Reddick, of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, and Mr. Orange Yokley, of East Bernstadt, Kentucky, both of whom are recent additions to the Morehouse science faculty.

lege, and Paine College (Georgia); Alabama State Teachers College, Tuskegee Institute, and Talladega College (Alabama); Rust College (Mississippi); A. & I. State College, Fisk University, Knoxville College, and LeMoyne College (Tennessee); Xavier University, Dillard University, and Leland College (Louisiana); Arkansas State and Philander Smith Colleges (Arkansas); Langston University (Oklahoma); and Wiley, Texas, and Tillotson Colleges (Texas).

Northern and mid-western colleges represented include Butler University (Indiana); the University of Michigan; and Illinois State Normal. Students representing eastern colleges have come from Hunter College and Columbia University (New York); Cheyney State Teachers College (Pennsylvania); and the New Haven State Teachers College and Hartford Seminary Foundation (Connecticut).

From California are two students who are graduates of Pacific Union College and San Diego State College. One student is enrolled from the University of New Brunswick, in Canada.

A good percentage of those enrolled would be unable to continue their study for a higher degree were it not for the National Youth Administration. In return for the assistance received through this agency of the federal government, the students work on various University projects. While they are thus enabled to gain the necessary preparation for giving even greater service to their fellowmen, they are, in addition, gaining experience which will be invaluable to them in seeking a position after graduation.

Students at Atlanta University receiving National Youth Administration scholarships this year are employed as clerks or typists in the administrative offices, the laboratory school, and the publicity department. They are also assisting in the library, and in the departments of English, French, history, mathematics, sociology, science, and economics. Some in the group are laboratory assistants, some are engaged in research on state projects, and some are working in the nursery school. Others receiving federal assistance are working as study supervisors, dramatic leaders, assistants in the University Dormitories, postoffice clerks, and recreational workers.

Forty-Five Colleges Represented in Atlanta University Enrollment

The present large graduate enrollment in the Atlanta University system represents a wide range of 45 colleges and universities throughout the United States and Canada.

Southern colleges whose graduates have matriculated at Atlanta University include: Howard University (Washington, D. C.); Morgan College (Maryland); Hampton Institute and Virginia State College (Virginia); Bluefield State Teachers College (West Virginia); Louisville Municipal College (Kentucky); Shaw University, North Carolina College for Negroes, and Johnson C. Smith University (North Carolina); South Carolina State College and Allen University (South Carolina); Atlanta University, Morehouse College, Spelman College, Clark University, Morris Brown Col-

Former Atlanta University Student In French Air Battalion

Harry Méry, a native of Guadeloupe in the French West Indies, who was the first exchange student from a French university to be enrolled in a Negro university in this country, is now a member of the first company of the 107th Air Battalion in the French army. He is stationed at Villacoublay.

A graduate of the University of Paris, Méry was awarded the diploma of superior studies by this institution before leaving for the front. His thesis, on the life of James Weldon Johnson, was written under the direction of Dr. Mercer Cook while Méry was in residence at Atlanta University.

Six Graduates of Atlanta University Named to Positions in System

The demand for graduates of Atlanta University who have received the master's degree continues to grow, and this year six graduates received appointments on either the faculty or staff of Atlanta University, Morehouse College, and Spelman College.

Miss Mary Logan Reddick, '37, was appointed to the biology faculty at Morehouse College and Mr. Orange Yokley, '39, to the chemistry faculty of this institution.

Miss Elizabeth Jackson, '38, was appointed to the history faculty of Spelman College; Mr. William N. Jackson, '38, to the faculty of the Laboratory High School; and Miss Katherine Taylor, '39, and Miss Mildred Fisher, '39, to the faculty of the Laboratory Elementary School.

Rare Exhibits Provided Through Case Extension Circuit Cooperative

Through the charter membership of Atlanta University in the Case Extension Circuit Cooperative, there have been offered to the people of Atlanta, as well as to the students in the affiliated institutions, a number of rare and costly exhibits gathered from all over the world.

Since the fall of 1937, when these exhibitions were first opened, rare art and library materials have been seen by hundreds of persons passing through the foyer of the University Library. Exhibits the first year included Japanese Woodcuts; European manuscripts from the 12th to the 17th century; library material relating to the life of Prince Saunders; French lithographs and drawings by old masters; and library material pertaining to the Negro in American life.

The second year of the University's membership in the Cooperative, there were put on display original etchings by Francisco Goya, Spanish painter of the 18th century; library showings of Frederick Douglass' life and "The Negro in American Life"; a classical exhibit of Greek art; the works of Allen Crite, outstanding young Negro artist; and a colorful exhibition of Pennsylvania Dutch handicraft.

This year the exhibits were opened early in October with the "Art of the Southwest Indians," taken from the original collection of Eric Douglas in the Denver Art Museum. Later in the month the third in the series of "The Negro in American Life" exhibits was put on view; to be followed by an unusually attractive showing of "The Works of Hans Holbein," famous German artist.

Three other exhibits scheduled for the remainder of the present academic year include "The Artist Looks at War," which is timely and significant; "Chiaroscuro Prints," wood cuts from the 17th century down to the present time; and "Dance Is an Art," with original drawings, reproductions, small instruments, sculpture and books, briefly touching on the dances of the past and some of the leading contemporary exponents.

The Circuit Case Extension Cooperative, a new idea in art education, was conceived by John Davis Hatch, Jr., of
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General Education Board of Business



"For the purpose of studying accounting systems . . . discuss . . ."

For the purpose of studying accounting systems, examining the latest trends in business procedure, discussing various financial problems confronting institutions, and looking at the financial reports, the General Education Board sponsored at Atlanta University a southern-wide conference of business officers in institutions of learning for Negroes, from the 23rd to the 28th of October. In charge of the meetings were Mr. Trevor Arnett, former president of the General Education Board; Mr. N. C. Plimpton, a former comptroller of the University of Chicago; and Mr. L. H. Foster, treasurer of Virginia State College. Also in attendance from the Board were Dr. A. R. Mann, director of southern education; Mr. Jackson Davis, associate director of southern education; and Mr. W. W. Brierley, secretary. Mr. J. Harvey Cain, director of the financial advisory service of the American Council on Education, and C. C. Stanton, representing the Methodist Board of Education, were in attendance.

The following business managers of colleges for Negroes were present: Frank B. Adair, Agricultural, Mechanical and Normal College, Pine Bluff, Arkansas; A. A. Reid and Mrs.

Board Sponsors Conference Business Officers



... passing . . . financial problems . . . looking at financial reports.

Lucille M. Strong, Atlanta University; M. E. Turrentine, Clark University; F. C. Gassett, Morehouse College; W. A. Hamilton, Morris Brown College; Mrs. Phern Stanley, Spelman College; Mrs. Theo C. Taylor, Bennett College; C. L. Reynolds and A. W. Dent, Dillard University; J. B. Clarke, Dover State College for Colored Students; Jesse F. Beals, Fisk University; J. R. E. Lee, Jr., Florida A. & M. College; R. A. Purves and Don A. Davis, Hampton Institute; V. D. Johnson, Gustav Auzenne, Jr., and L. H. Foster, Jr., Howard University; George W. Claridge, Meharry Medical College; C. C. Amey, North Carolina College for Negroes; G. E. Jones, Shaw University; Mrs. E. Viola Means, State A. & M. College, Orangeburg; E. C. Myers, Talladega College; Lloyd Isaacs and Edmund Burke, Tuskegee Institute; James B. Cephas and L. H. Foster, Virginia State College; E. M. Frazer, Virginia Union University; C. R. Rutherford, West Virginia State College; and Harold K. Logan, Wiley College.

For the entire week the members of the Conference were guests at Atlanta University.

Students Hear Distinguished Educators At Convocations

In the months of October and November, the University was privileged to offer at two convocations three distinguished educators of international importance. Canon Henry John Cody, president and vice-chancellor of the University of Toronto, and Dr. A. R. Mann, vice-president and director of the southern program of the General Education Board, were heard in Sisters Chapel on October 31; and on November 7, the speaker was Dr. Cullen B. Gosnell, professor of political science at Emory University.

Dr. Cody's visit was of especial interest and significance to the assemblage because he heads the outstanding example of a University scheme in North America of the type on which the Atlanta University system is patterned. Dr. Mann, formerly a provost of Cornell University, has held his present position with the General Education Board since 1937.

Recently returned from a trip to the European countries, Dr. Gosnell brought to his listeners first-hand information on current happenings in Europe. He is the founder of the Institute of Politics at Furman University, and of the Institute of Citizenship at Emory.

University System Loses Philip M. Davis

The University system suffered a great loss on September 12, with the passing of Philip MacDonald Davis, superintendent of buildings and grounds at Spelman College. Mr. Davis was a familiar figure about the campuses of the affiliated institutions, lending aid wherever possible to keep the wheels of the schools' machinery running smoothly. Since the discontinuance of the Spelman heating plant, Mr. Davis' office was located in the central power plant of Atlanta University.

One of the most faithful of Morehouse alumni, Mr. Davis was born in Faunsdale, Alabama, on April 4, 1884. He finished Morehouse in the Class of 1911, after studying for six years in the preparatory school and the academy.

During his undergraduate days, the deceased participated in extra-curricular activities as president of the Y. M. C. A., the Young Men's Model Association, and the Pi Gamma Literary Society. He also served as business manager of the *Athenaeum*. Mr. Davis numbered among his classmates President John W. Davis of West Virginia State College, and President Mordecai W. Johnson of Howard University.

After graduation from Morehouse College, Mr. Davis became principal of the Slater Public School in Birmingham, Alabama, and held this position until 1920, when he was invited by the late Dr. John Hope to become business manager at Morehouse. In 1924 he accepted a position as superintendent of grounds and buildings at Spelman College. For one year, 1918-1919, Mr. Davis was labor advisor for the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company in Birmingham, Alabama.

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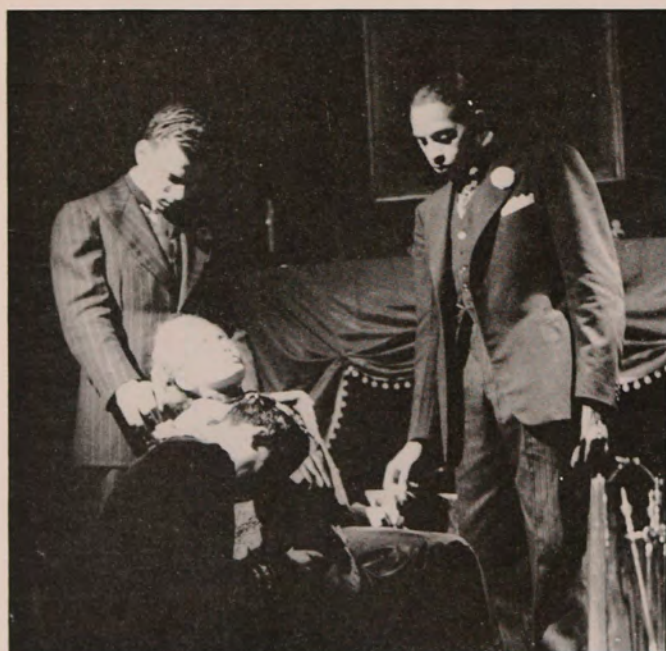
University Players Pleasing in Pulitzer

Prize Play

"Alison's House," a literary play by Susan Glaspell, was ably performed by students of Atlanta University, Morehouse College, and Spelman College on November 3 and 4, and proved to be one of the most successful of the University Players' productions. The play was significant not only because it was an original American play representing the educational value and power of the stage, but also because it was under entirely new direction with an almost unknown cast. The director, Owen Dodson, joined the faculty of Spelman College at the fall opening, but had become known locally during the past two seasons of the Atlanta University Summer Theatre, in which he participated as playwright, actor, and director.

From the time the curtain went up until the close of the last scene, the audience found itself in the interior of the Stanhope home, sharing with the family the intimate secrets which they had guarded carefully for many years.

Outstanding performances were contributed by Eleanor Bell, a Spelman College sophomore, who played sympathetically "Aunt Agatha"; Jennie Strickland, also a Spelman sophomore, who gave depth and understanding to the role of Elsa Stanhope; and Howard Woodson, of the Morehouse School of Religion, who showed unusual ability in his interpretation of Father Stanhope, the middle-aged head of the family.



A SCENE FROM "ALISON'S HOUSE"
The Death of Aunt Agatha

Also winning the admiration of the audience were Rosema Burney, of Spelman College, who was convincing as Ann Leslie, the secretary; Virgil Daniels and Benjamin Scott, both of Morehouse College, who played the Stanhope brothers, Eben and Ted; and Louis Jeffers, also of Morehouse College, who was adequate in the role of Richard Knowles, the reporter. Patrons of the Little Theatre productions will be looking forward to seeing these newcomers again.

The remaining roles in "Alison's House" were acted by students who have been cast in previous productions. Mildred Cuthbert, of Spelman College, portrayed Jennie, the faithful servant of the Stanhopes; Anatol Reeves, of Atlanta University, was seen as Louise, the unpopular wife of Eben Stanhope; Walter Echols, also of Atlanta University, played the role of the blustering Mr. Hodges; and Lillian Taylor, of Spelman College, was excellently cast as his wife.

Behind the scenes, eight students took charge of the production details. Walter Echols, in addition to participating as an actor, served as stage manager, and Gladys Forde, a senior in Spelman College, designed the lighting effects. The two attractive stage sets, designed by Mr. Dodson, furnished a realistic background for the action of the play.

Seldom has a University Players' audience witnessed more complete settings on the stage of the Little Theatre, or more real entertainment during the course of an evening than was provided in the opening play of the current season.

New Library Appointments

Two new appointments were made this year to the staff of the University Library. To succeed Mr. James A. Hulbert as catalogue librarian, the administration secured the services of Miss Virginia Mae Lacy, a native of Clarksburg, West Virginia, who was named the 1939 chairman of the Kentucky State Librarians' Conference in Louisville.

The new appointee is well prepared in her field. She holds the B.S. degree in library science, and a similar degree in the field of education. She has earned also the M.S. degree in library science from the Library School of the University of Illinois.

Before coming to Atlanta, Miss Lacy was librarian at Louisville Municipal College. For four summers she was chief instructor of the library science courses offered for teacher-librarians under the auspices of the American Library Association and the General Education Board at Prairie View State College in Texas. Miss Lacy has been also an assistant librarian at Hampton Institute.

Miss Jennie Pritchard, of Atlanta, a graduate of Spelman College in June, 1938, is also a recent appointee to the catalogue department.

Atlanta Business Concerns

Accounting Laboratories for Students

STUDENTS who enroll in the business department at Atlanta University have a rare opportunity to gain proficiency in the attainment of sound business principles and to participate in real business concerns, for in addition to the regular class work prescribed in the curriculum, laboratory work in Atlanta business houses is carried on through the department.

During the past year, 40 students were apprenticed as accountants in such varied types of businesses as insurance companies, newspaper concerns, bookstores, printing shops, grocery stores, furniture companies, banking establishments, filling stations, undertaking shops, real estate concerns, coal companies, and electrical appliance companies.

Through this method, which has the careful supervision of the course instructor, students are able to gain confidence in their ability to participate in business. Then, too, a number have found lucrative positions awaiting them upon their graduation in the very same houses in which they had gained experience. And in some instances, employers have permitted the student-accountants to acquire proprietary interests in the concern.

Today several graduates whose work was done in business administration at Atlanta University are teaching in leading institutions throughout the south, while others are engaged in conducting some type of business. One of the graduates is employed as an accountant on a national weekly newspaper, and in addition directs a thriving consumers' cooperative in Chicago; one is an accountant on the Social Security Board in New York City; several are employed in large insurance companies; and two are working in banking institutions. Atlanta University students who major in this department are well equipped to make their mark in the business world.

Much of the credit reflected on the department of business should go to the instructor, Jesse B. Blayton, who has been teaching in the University system since September, 1925. In addition to his full teaching schedule, Mr. Blayton serves as vice-president of the Citizens Trust Company, president of the Atlanta Negro Chamber of Commerce, and chairman of the Colored Advisory Committee to the Housing Authority of Atlanta. He is also a consultant for the National Negro Insurance Association, first vice-president and comptroller of the National Negro Business League, president of the National Accountants Society, and auditor for the National Baptist Convention.

Articles by Mr. Blayton have appeared in *The Banker's Magazine*, *The National Accountant*, *Accounting Review*, and *The Insurance Counsellor*.

Notwithstanding these activities, Mr. Blayton has found time to engage in research to get at the bottom of problems affecting the Negro business man. Some of his investigations have been to help the Negro retail food dealers in Atlanta, to secure better records for Negro business men, and to handle insurance proceeds of Atlanta Negro beneficiaries.



JESSE B. BLAYTON

"... credit . . . should go to the instructor"

Hardly a month passes that an invitation does not come to Mr. Blayton to meet with groups throughout the country who are interested in what his opinions are in regard to the business outlook for Negroes. He has recently addressed groups in Birmingham, Alabama; New Orleans, Louisiana; Ettrick, Virginia; and Washington, D. C.

Mr. Blayton exhibits a fine type of leadership in his attempts to make a place for Negroes in the field of business. He has won the faith and confidence of his students, and the respect of people with whom he has had business relations. The former he inspires and challenges to achieve—the latter he satisfies by giving the best service of which he is capable.

General Motors "Parade of Progress"

Presented in Cooperation with Affiliated Schools

The General Motors "Parade of Progress," a scientific educational entertainment showing the many miracles of modern research laboratories, was presented on the campus of Spelman College for three days, November 17-19, through the cooperation of the schools in the University system. The exhibit, considered one of the wonders at the World's Fair, was brought to the campus by 24 huge transports and a trained crew of 55. President Rufus E. Clement opened the first evening show.

Atlanta was the 139th city to show this scientific exhibit, which has been on view in the principal cities of the United States, Mexico, Cuba, and Canada.

President of Carnegie Corporation to Deliver Second John Hope Lecture

Dr. Frederick Keppel, president of the Carnegie Corporation, will be in Atlanta on February 29 to deliver the second of the John Hope Lectures at Atlanta University. The lecture series was inaugurated in 1938 as a memorial to the great educator who served Atlanta University and Morehouse College faithfully for thirty-two years.

For the past sixteen years, Dr. Keppel has headed the work of the Carnegie Corporation, an organization devoted to the advancement of knowledge and understanding among the peoples of the United States, the British Dominions and the English Colonies.

The lecturer is a graduate of Columbia University. He was awarded the Litt. D. in 1912 by the University of Pittsburgh, and in 1929 by Columbia University. For his outstanding accomplishments he was honored in 1919 by the University of Michigan with the LL.D. degree, and in 1924, this same degree was granted to him by Hamilton University. The LL.D. degree also has been conferred on Dr. Keppel by Union University, the University of Toronto, and the University of Melbourne (Australia).

Dr. Keppel has served Columbia University as assistant secretary, secretary, and dean. He has been secretary of the American Association for International Conciliation; assistant secretary of war; director of foreign relations for the American Red Cross; Commissioner for the United States International Chamber of Commerce; Secretary of the Plan of New York; and director of the Equitable Life Company of New York. In 1911 he was decorated with the Chevalier Legion d' Honneur in France.

Dr. Keppel is the author of several books, including "Columbia University," "The Undergraduate and His College," "Some War Time Lessons," "Education for Adults," "The Foundation," and "Philanthropy and Learning."

Member of Seventh Graduating Class at Atlanta University Dies in New England

Butler R. Wilson, a member of the Class of 1884 at Atlanta University, succumbed to the ravages of pneumonia in Boston, Massachusetts, on the 31st day of October at the age of 79. He was one of Boston's leading barristers.

The deceased was a native of Greensboro, Georgia. For fifty-five years he was a resident of the Bay State's capital, where he was associated with leaders of both races. In 1917 he was appointed by Governor McCall to the board of appeals on fire insurance rates and he held that position until his death. He was a charter member of the famous Boston Literary and Historical Association, and its third president, following the late Honorable Archibald H. Grimke and the late Miss Maria L. Baldwin. For more than 12 years he was president of the Boston branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Attorney Wilson was active in having a monument erected

on the Boston Common in memory of Crispus Attucks and other martyrs of the Boston Massacre. He was a first grand counsellor of the Knights of Pythias and a 33rd degree Mason, and had served as supreme counsel for the Scottish Rite Lodges in America. In 1938, George M. Coleman, president of the Ford Hall Forum, awarded the deceased a medal for distinguished service.

Mr. Wilson last visited Atlanta University during the commencement season of 1931 at the invitation of Dr. John Hope. At that time, he attended meetings of the Alumni Association, and renewed many friendships in the city.

Surviving are two sons, Butler R., Jr., and Francis G., and a daughter, Mrs. Lola Wilson Hayes.

1482 Students in System

Fourteen hundred and eighty-two students are enrolled in the Atlanta University system this year. In the graduate school of liberal arts and sciences, 146 students are registered for courses leading to the master of arts or master of science degree. Of this number 39 are full-time students and 57 part-time. New this year at the University is the extension service at the state college in Fort Valley, Georgia, permitting students in that vicinity to enroll for graduate work in the department of education under the supervision of Dr. Horace Mann Bond, visiting professor of education at Atlanta University. Twenty-nine part-time students are registered in these courses.

In the Atlanta University School of Social Work, entering its second year as a member of the University affiliation, 84 students enrolled for professional courses leading to the degree of master of social work or the diploma of the School.

At Morehouse College, there are 415 students, classified as follows: 85 seniors, 93 juniors, 93 sophomores, 136 freshmen, and 6 special students. Two registrants are unclassified.

The Spelman College enrollment figure of 360 includes 135 freshmen, 94 sophomores, 76 juniors, and 55 seniors.

In the Atlanta University Laboratory School, 367 pupils are in attendance, and in the Nursery-Kindergarten, 110. In the elementary division, there are 156 pupils, and in the high school, 211.

The large enrollment in the system is indicative of the fact that no longer does the southern youth find it necessary to travel hundreds of miles to secure an education equal to that provided elsewhere in the country. This year's registration shows that students have come from distances as far as California, Nebraska, and Canada, and last year a student was enrolled from the University of Paris.

Rare Exhibits Provided

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New York. Through the assistance of the Carnegie Corporation, which donated three glass display cases to each charter member of the cooperative, and the Harmon Foundation, long a patron of the arts, this travelling exhibit was made possible.

Elizabeth Prophet Named Among Famous Women in America



Her works are included in the notable Whitney collection

ELIZABETH PROPHET, a member of the Fine Arts faculty of the Atlanta University system, has achieved an enviable reputation as a sculptor, both in this country and abroad. Because of her attainments, her name recently was included in the "Who's Who" devoted exclusively to famous American women.

Miss Prophet began her study of sculpture at the Rhode Island School of Design, later enrolling at the Ecole Nationale des Beaux Arts in Paris, France. A significant honor to come to her was the Richard B. Greenough Award for a head in wood entitled "Discontent."

Works of the sculptor are included in the permanent collection of the Museum of the Rhode Island School of Design, and also in the notable collection of Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney in New York City.

Students enrolled in the Fine Arts Department in the Atlanta University system have had opportunity to study the art of modeling under Miss Prophet since September,

1934, when she closed her Paris, France, studio to join the University faculty.

Since the erection of the well-equipped and well-lighted modern Sculpture Building at Spelman College, the enrollment in the plastic art classes has increased, and opportunities widened for greater work in this field.

Hale Woodruff Wins First Prize For Landscape in Oil At Indiana Fair

At the 87th Indiana State Fair, held in Indianapolis, Indiana, September 1-3, Hale Woodruff, instructor in art in the Atlanta University system, was awarded first prize for his landscape in oil entitled "Old Mining Town." The selection was made from ninety entries.

The painting was executed by Mr. Woodruff during the summer of 1939 at Idaho Springs, in the mountains of Colorado. The scene represents an old section of a mining town which flourished in the early days of the state.

A Message from the President of Atlanta University

Dear Friends of Atlanta University:

Not long ago when I was notified of the death of a distinguished alumnus of our institution, I began to think about a large number of his fellows who had recently passed on before him. I thought of Lucy Laney and Henry Hunt, who had labored for so many years in Georgia. I thought of James Weldon Johnson, whose labors and whose fame were not limited by the boundaries of our continent. I remembered the long brilliant legal career of Butler Wilson, in Massachusetts; and I thought of other younger men and women who had started on careers full of hope and service. I recalled the many fine contributions these men and women had made to our life and time. I was keenly aware of the great loss which we who remained had suffered in their passing.

And then my mind turned to the active, living group of people — the graduates and former students of the old and the new Atlanta University. I thought of my visit to a great school in Texas. I remembered a recent dinner in Chicago, and an even later social occasion in Atlanta where many of us gathered to honor our oldest living college graduate. I recalled a small group of eager people in New York — a conference with an earnest group in Washington — a cordial meeting in Georgia. I remembered individuals; an Illinois clergyman, an Atlanta executive, the teacher of a little Georgia school who had served more than fifty years at one post, a Chicago business man, a Tennessee teacher, a staff member of a Louisiana college, a busy but very cordial New York administrator, and numerous other active men and women scattered from New England to the southern border of the United States.

These people are carrying on in the great tradition of Atlanta University. They are making and finding ways in which they may be of service to their fellowmen. They are to be listed with those whom we call "the salt of the earth." To remember them gives me greater confidence in the future of the Negro race and in the future of our great country. Atlanta University is proud of these men and women.

And Atlanta University is deeply grateful to the friends whose generous contributions in times past have enabled it to keep its doors open, thereby making possible the educational activities which have been carried on with such good results. Atlanta University is still a needy institution which must in a large measure depend upon the generosity of its friends. A building which would house the work in health and physical education is sorely needed. A Fine Arts Center which would permit us to emphasize the work in music, sculpture, painting, and the drama would be of great benefit. Gifts for our permanent endowment fund and for current expenses will be greatly appreciated.

May we not expect a contribution from you?

Sincerely yours,

RUFUS E. CLEMENT.

University System Loses Philip M. Davis

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In 1922, Mr. Davis was elected president of the national Morehouse Alumni Association, and this post he held for fifteen years. He is the founder and a one-time editor of the *Morehouse Alumni Quarterly*, forerunner of the *Morehouse Alumnus*.

During the Morehouse Endowment Campaign, which began in 1928, Mr. Davis was released from his Spelman post for almost a year to assist in its work. He travelled widely in the interest of the College and his efforts were very successful in helping Morehouse to obtain its goal of \$300,000.

In spite of his many duties at Spelman and Morehouse Colleges, Mr. Davis found time to serve Friendship Baptist Church as one of its most conscientious workers, and at the time of his death he was chairman of the Deacons' Board. Under his direction, money was raised for improvements to the church property, the church was renovated, and a pastor's study added.

Atlanta University Registrar To Conduct New Alumni Campaign

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In both of these organizations he is active not only as an officer but as a contributor to their educational literature.

The contributions of the new campaign director have not been kept within the confines of administration and education. When he cannot be found at his desk in the University, he is busy with civic affairs. He takes an active interest in the program of the Atlanta Building and Loan Association, which aids people in acquiring debt-free homes on fair and reasonable contracts.

Another of Mr. Whittaker's "hobbies" is his work with the Boy Scouts of Atlanta, and this group he serves as district chairman. During the summer of 1939 he was instrumental in helping to secure for the Scouts a camp site outside of Atlanta where members of the various troops are privileged to enjoy out-of-door advantages so necessary in building a strong and healthy youth.

Notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Whittaker has given nearly a quarter of a century to the work of Atlanta University, it is good to note that he still has many years of service ahead.

University's Oldest Living Graduate

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Class of '86; Mrs. Maggie Wimbish, also of the Class of '86; and George A. Towns, of the Class of '94.

Another event in Dr. Wright's honor was a luncheon at the University Dining Hall at which a number of Atlanta business men had an opportunity to discuss the latest trends in business with the visitor. Present on this occasion were Mr. L. D. Milton, president of the Citizens' Trust Company; Mr. Jesse B. Blayton, president of the Atlanta Negro Chamber of Commerce; Mr. C. A. Scott, manager of the *Atlanta Daily World*; Mr. W. S. Cannon, president of the Canolene Manufacturing Company; Colonel Austin T. Walden, prominent Atlanta attorney; and President Rufus E. Clement of Atlanta University.