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Out Into the World They Go

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Commencement in the University System



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The first commencement activities this year in the University System took place at the Laboratory High School. At the graduation exercises on May 30, diplomas were awarded by President Rufus E. Clement to thirty boys and girls. An important part of the exercises was the presentation of four papers by students in the social sciences in which "Trends That Make for the Future" was discussed from various viewpoints. The three girl graduates who participated in the discussion and their subjects were as follows: Eleanor Milton, "Some Trends in Government and Politics"; Jacqueline Allen, "The Fine Arts in a World at War"; and Genelle Barner, "The Field of Science." The fourth speaker, Charles Greene, had for his subject "The World of the Future, A Summary."

Three college presidents of nation-wide distinction were the 1941 commencement speakers at Atlanta University, Morehouse College, and Spelman College. President Raymond Asa Kent of the University of Louisville addressed the graduating classes of the graduate and professional schools. President Mordecai Wyatt Johnson of Howard University gave the final message to the Morehouse seniors; and President Malcolm Shaw MacLean of Hampton Institute climaxed the activities of the year at Spelman with his address to the graduating class. The baccalaureate sermon, preached at a combined service for all of the graduating classes of the schools in the affiliation, was delivered by Bishop William Jacob Walls of the A. M. E. Zion Church, one of the foremost of the Negro churchmen in the world today.

All of the commencement addresses brought sound philosophies of life to the 185 graduates. President Kent told his listeners that the problems of the Negro as a racial group could be solved by "an enlightened give and take" which he offered as a definition of democracy. He pointed out that if each race could secure information and intelligently interpret it for the benefit of the other, both could work together toward "a lasting hope that life, liberty, and a reasonable pursuit of happiness shall not perish from the earth"

The degree of Master of Arts was conferred on the following 39 persons, who are listed by departments in which they did their major work:

ÉCONOMICS—Mark Goodrum Birchette of Asheville, North Carolina; Emile Joseph LaBranche, Jr., of New Orleans, Louisiana; Robert William Mask of Tyler, Texas; Daniel George Sampson of Sumter, South Carolina.

EDUCATION—Ferguson Benjamin Brooks, Colbert, Oklahoma; Ira Alexander Daves, Newbern, North Carolina; Winifred Ernestine Daves, Newbern, North Carolina; Annie Elizabeth Duncan, Salisbury, North Carolina; Marie Gagneron, Port au Prince, Haiti; Hermese Estelle Johnson, New York, New York; Evangeline Olympia Jones, Portsmouth, Virginia; Jessie Mae Jones, Atlanta; Wendell Primus Jones, Washington, North Carolina; Leroy Reginald Kirkpatrick, El Keno, Oklahoma; Ellen Cornelia Lacy, Parkersburg, West Virginia; Troas Lewis Latimer, Atlanta; Mildred McKinley Satterwhite, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Mildred Elaine Wardlaw, Atlanta; Lottye Justine Washington, Beaufort, South Carolina; Carolyn Brydie Williams, Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

ENGLISH—Emma Mills Clement, Louisville, Kentucky; Lucy Lee Clemmons, Louisville, Kentucky; Bessie Alberta Cobb, San Diego, California; Leona Elizabeth Johnson, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Florence Derricotte Evans Molette, Montvale, Virginia; Randolph Louis Myers, Baltimore, Maryland; William Morris Nix, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

FRENCH—Magnolia Leola Echols, Columbus, Ohio; Charles Leroy Henry, Hope, Arkansas; Mary Elizabeth Hoover, Columbia, South Carolina; Portia Hill McDonald, Elkins, West Virginia; Gladys Howse Peoples, Chattanooga, Tennessee; John Leon Perkins, Daytona Beach, Florida.

MATHEMATICS—Viola Marie Torrence, Huntsville, Alabama; Annie Lou Ware, Atlanta.

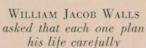
Sociology—Celestine Osma Duffus, New York, New York; Eugene Turner Page, Jr., Nashville, Tennessee; Mar-



CLEMENT TO CLEMENT

President Rufus E. Clement awarding M.A. degree
to his sister, Emma Mills Clement







Raymond Asa Kent plead for an enlightened give and take

guerite Rogers, Wilmington, North Carolina; Arthur Anison Winfield, Jr., Coatsville, Pennsylvania.

The degree of Master of Science was conferred on the

following eleven persons:

BIOLOGY—Allan Burnon Connally, Bluefield, West Virginia; Dorothy Marguerite Forde, Houston, Texas; Robert Joseph Pershing Foster, Monroe, Louisiana; Melvin Alan Raye Hammond, Calvert, Texas; Alma Malynda Jackson, Richmond, Virginia; John Gibson Lumpkin, Jr., Fort Valley, Georgia; Arlena Elizabeth Seneca, Laurel, Mississippi; William Nathaniel Wasson, Louisville, Kentucky.

CHEMISTRY—Marie Evangeline Ferguson, Charlotte, North Carolina; Joe Marion Hill, Orlando, Florida.

Mathematics—Frederick Douglas Jenkins, Alexandria, Louisiana.

Receiving the degree of Master of Social Work were the

following nineteen graduates:

Vonceil Evelyn Anderson, Louisville, Kentucky; Florence Ada Barksdale, Washington, D. C.; Benjamin Franklin Bell, Jr., Waco, Texas; Opal Elaine Christopher, Tyler, Texas; Benjamin Walter Cooper, New Orleans, Louisiana; Frances Althea Curtis, Washington, D. C.; Marguery Adele Davis, Hartford, Connecticut; Mary Leon Divers, Handley, West Virginia; Rubye Beryl Gordon, Jacksonville, Florida; John Rodman Larkins, Wilmington, North Carolina; Marie Graves Nash, Atlanta; Helen Josephine Quick, Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Edith McKee Rayner, Elizabeth City, North Carolina; Edna Ruth Reid, Portsmouth, Virginia; Florence Ann Robinson, Spartanburg, South Carolina; Horace Earl Robinson, Providence, Rhode Island; Geraldine Elizabeth Ross, New York, New York; Mildred Carmichael Smith, Atlanta; Elvah Marcia Waters, Smyrna, Delaware.

Fifty-Two Graduated from Morehouse

Dr. Mordecai Wyatt Johnson, '11, pleaded with the Morehouse graduates to find a great cause to which to give their lives. The supreme joy of a real man's existence, he told (Continued on Page 7)

Three Library Service Specialists for New Professional School







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"... excellently equipped to function in the University's newest venture."

Atlanta University has appointed to the faculty of the new School of Library Service, three persons of superior training who are excellently equipped to function in the University's newest venture.

Dr. Eliza Atkins Gleason, who has been named director of the School, will teach courses in Administration. She has been graduated from four universities—Fisk, Illinois, California, and Chicago—with the degrees of A.B., B.S., M.S., and Ph.D., respectively. Dr. Gleason's professional experience includes serving as assistant librarian and librarian at Louisville Municipal College; as head of the circulation department at Fisk University; and as librarian at

Talladega College. During her residence at the University of Chicago, she was the holder of a fellowship from the American Library Association.

Reference and Book Selection at the School will be taught by Mr. Wallace Van Jackson, who recently resigned from his position as librarian at Virginia Union University. Mr. Jackson holds degrees from Virginia Union, Hampton Institute, and the University of Michigan. For the past two years

he has been enrolled in the Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago, working toward the doctorate in the field of library science.

The third appointee is Miss Virginia M. Lacy, who for the past two years has been employed as catalog librarian at Atlanta University. Miss Lacy will teach cataloging and classification. She earned the B.S. in Education and the B.S. in Library Science at Hampton Institute, and the M.S. degree in Library Science at the University of Illinois. Her experience in library service was gained at Hampton Institute as an assistant in the library; and at Louisville Municipal College, at which she was employed at various

times as assistant librarian, acting librarian, and librarian.

Several part-time teachers and lecturers will serve on the staff of the Library School. Courses will be open only to students who have been graduated from four-year colleges of arts and sciences. Students who complete the work successfully will be awarded the degree of Bachelor of Science in Library Service.



Educators Laud Unselfish Life of President Emeritus Samuel Howard Archer

Tribute to the life work of Samuel Howard Archer, late president emeritus of Morehouse College, was paid at his last rites on January 19. Dr. Archer died on Wednesday, January 15, at his Atlanta home after a long illness. He had been retired since October, 1938.

At the funeral exercises in Sale Hall Chapel, a number of educators who had been close friends of the deceased participated in the service. President Benjamin E. Mays of Morehouse College, appraised the importance of the two men, John Hope and Samuel Archer, whose names are linked together whenever Morehouse College is mentioned. He stated that although Morehouse College needed John Hope with his wide contacts in the nation and in the world to give standing and prestige to the institution, it also needed Samuel Howard Archer to keep the home fires burning, to give stability and direction to faculty and students, and to develop that indefinable something which we like to call the Morehouse spirit. Without either of these, he said, Morehouse would have been weaker.

Dr. Charles D. Hubert, Director of the Morehouse School of Religion, paid tribute to the departed educator as a man not interested in Morehouse College alone, but one whose interests were as broad as humanity. In the classroom, Dr. Hubert stated, the deceased was as tender as a father, yet as exacting as a military chief.

Representing Atlanta University, President Rufus E. Clement ranked Dr. Archer with the illustrious group of men who built Morehouse College — Graves, Sale, Robert, Morehouse, Brawley, and Hope.

Another speaker, President James B. Watson of Arkansas State College, was a schoolmate of Dr. Archer at Colgate University. He referred to the deceased as a man with little pretense, a good scholar, a physical giant in his prime, who was always willing to have it said that someone else could do things better than he could, a man who was generous in his praise and sparing in his criticism, a man who taught life and not books.

The principal eulogy at the services was delivered by Dr E. R. Carter, venerable pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, of which the deceased had been a member for many years. A close friend and associate of Dr. Archer, the speaker exalted his virtues as a Christian gentleman, and stated that he wanted nothing more out of life than what he put into it. Whether coaching a football team, he said, or with the boys on the campus, or with his family, Dr. Archer's first thought was that he was there to give service and to make someone happier.

At the time of his retirement from the presidency of Morehouse, Dr. Archer had concluded his thirty-third year of service to the College. During this time he had been professor of mathematics, football coach, secretary of the faculty, director of the summer school, purchasing agent, dean, acting president and president. The last position he held for seven years prior to his retirement.

Surviving Dr. Archer are a wife, Mrs. Anna Johnson Archer; three sons—Samuel Howard, Jr., an instructor at Booker T. Washington High School, Atlanta; Nelson Thomas, a member of the faculty of Prairie View State College; and Leonard Courtney, a member of the faculty of Georgia Normal and Industrial College at Albany, Georgia; and a sister, Mrs. Rosa Harrison, who made her home with the family.

South Americans Visit Atlanta University

Commander Fernando Romero of Lima, Peru, an anthropologist and sociologist, visited the campus of Atlanta University during the week of March 7 in the course of a good-will tour sponsored by the State Department in Washington, D. C.

While in this country, Mr. Romero visited the University of Chicago, Northwestern, Fisk, Louisiana State University and Tulane University. He was a member of a group of exchange visitors from Latin American countries brought to the United States by our Department of State.

During his stay at Atlanta University, Mr. Romero attended classes and seminars, and met with groups of students throughout the affiliated institutions.

At the present time he is a naval officer in active service in Peru.

Another South American to come to the campus was Dr. Jose Maria Restrepo Millan, Commissioner of Education of Colombia. His visit was on June 6, at the close of the commencement season.

Biographical Material on Life of James Weldon Johnson Forms Interesting Library Exhibit

Among the exhibitions at the Library this spring was a showing of biographical material on the life of James Weldon Johnson, famed graduate of Atlanta University and for many years a trustee of the institution. The exhibit was assembled by the Circuit Case Extension Cooperative.

In the display were books, photographs and documents arranged in chronological order relating to Dr. Johnson's career. They revealed how as a public servant, diplomat, and poet, he served and gained honor and esteem in many fields.

Other exhibitions held during the semester were a showing of fifty representative prints selected from the large display of graphic art at the U. S. Museum in Washington, D. C., done under the WPA Art Program; a group of Rembrandt etchings; and the annual exhibit of paintings and sculpture by students in the University System.

Former Teacher Bequeaths Photographs To University

A gift of early photographs of faculty members and students at Atlanta University was made to the University in the will of Lillian E. Clarke, a teacher of drawing here from 1892 to 1894. Included were photographs of the classes of 1893 and 1894, President Bumstead's family and his home, faculty children, campus scenes, kindergarten and normal classes, and a view of Atlanta from Stone Hall.

The bequest was turned over to Miss Charlotte Templeton, to be placed in the University archives.



The Chorus at the time of the Spring Concert Kemper Harreld, director

UNIVERSITY SYSTEM STUDENTS PRESENT FOURTEENTH ANNUAL CONCERT

The fourteenth annual spring concert by the Atlanta-Morehouse-Spelman Chorus and Orchestra was presented to a large audience in Sisters Chapel on May 9. The variety of talent displayed gave ample evidence of the broad musical training available at the Atlanta institutions. Selections were offered by the 50-piece orchestra, the large chorus of 80 voices, and the glee clubs of the undergraduate colleges. Two artist pupils of Professor Kemper Harreld were featured.

Aside from the pleasure that the audience had in the evening's presentation was the educational value the students received. The program represented the finest in music literature. It embraced sixteenth century choral selections, orchestral and solo numbers from the romantic and modern periods, from opera, symphony, and oratorio; and examples of the folk music of three countries—England, Africa, and America.

Descendant of African Royalty Lectures to Classes in University

Miss Fatima Massaquoi, a native of Monrovia, Liberia, and a direct descendant of a long line of African rulers, visited Atlanta University in April and lectured to a number of classes in the University System. She discussed the African economy system, native customs and traditions, and the religious and social systems of her country. To illustrate her lectures, she displayed a wide collection of articles made by natives of West Africa, which included handwoven cloths, basketry work, leather and bead work, and ceremonial costumes. At the time, Miss Massaquoi was serving as informant on African linguistics at Fisk University. She also was engaged in writing an autobiography which deals with the social aspects of African tribal life.

Miss Massaquoi is a graduate of Lane College and Fisk University, and she holds the degrees of A.B. and A.M. Before coming to this country four years ago she attended school in Geneva, Switzerland, and Hamburg University in Germany. For five semesters she taught African linguistics at the latter. In Switzerland, Miss Massaquoi worked for the Liberian delegate to the League of Nations.

Miss Massaquoi is the daughter of the late African prince, Momolu Massaquoi, at one time consul-general from Liberia with headquarters in Hamburg. During Dr. Massaquoi's residence in Germany he spent much time in writing, lecturing, and teaching, and for several years was a regular lecturer on African languages at the University of Hamburg. He attended Walden University in Tennessee, and Oxford University in England, from which he received the Ph.D. degree.

Former Teacher Returns for Alumni Reunions

A welcome visitor on the campus during the commencement season was Edgar H. Webster, a former professor of the sciences at Atlanta University and at one time principal of the normal department. With the exception of one year, 1919-20, Mr. Webster had been constantly on the faculty from 1887 until 1929. He returned to the scene of his former activities to speak at the alumni reunion and banquet on June 3.

Few teachers are more beloved or highly esteemed than is Mr. Webster. During his brief visit he was always surrounded by a number of his former students who joined with him in reminiscing of the days that are now gone by. Mr. Webster bears a great love for Atlanta University and this fact seems to be impressed on individuals as soon as they come into his presence.

One sad note in Mr. Webster's visit was the absence of his wife, Mrs. Ella Moore Webster. On October 3, 1940, she celebrated her 90th birthday, and the trip to Atlanta was not considered practicable. As a part of her anniversary celebration, Mr. Webster wrote the story of her life, a copy of which has come to the University. This biography, in pamphlet form, was written because he felt that friends of Mrs. Webster would be glad to know something of the personalities and influences that have dominated her "way of life." The author concluded the interesting story with this paragraph: "For fourteen years, Miss Ella Moore (Mrs. Webster) was active in the educational, social, and religious life of a missionary school. For thirty-seven years she was the gracious hostess of the home in Chase Cottage on Beckwith Street, Atlanta. Since 1929 we have made our home in a tourist town on the east shore of Mobile Bay. Here we have found a new world but a friendly one."

Perhaps some of the Websters' friends and former students would like to drop them a line. Their address is Fairhope, Alabama.

Phylon Institute

The first Phylon Institute, called by Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, editor-in-chief of the publication, was held on April 17, 18, and 19, at the University Library. Approximately sixty delegates from forty colleges were in attendance. The theme of the meeting was "The Economic Condition and Trends of American Negroes and Plans for Their Security."

Among the speakers were W. J. Trent, Jr., of the Federal Works Agency; Robert C. Weaver of the Office of Production Management; William H. Dean of Atlanta University; Preston Valien of Fisk University; J. Herman Daves, Tennessee Valley Authority; Roscoe E. Lewis of Hampton Institute; Ralph E. Davis of Tuskegee Institute; President R. B. Atwood of Kentucky State College; President H. C. Trenholm of Alabama State Teachers College; and Tracy Phillips, formerly of the Colonial Office in London, and an outstanding authority on Africa and the Near East.

Some of the findings of the Institute will appear in coming numbers of *Phylon*, the Atlanta University Review of Race and Culture.

New Trustee Elected to Board

At the April meeting of the board of trustees, Mr. Philip Weltner, Atlanta attorney, was elected to membership on the board of trustees of Atlanta University.

Mr. Weltner served as regent-at-large of the University System of Georgia in 1932-33, and as chancellor from 1933 to 1935. He has given much attention to social legislation and to educational problems of Georgia.

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them, is what goes on inside of him when he puts all that he has into a great cause. We must think of ourselves as workmen, he declared, and realize that the greatest reward to come from people is not from their pockets, but in their trust and affection.

At the Morehouse exercises, fifty-two men received either the degree of bachelor of arts or bachelor of science from President Benjamin E. Mays. The honorary degree of doctor of science was conferred on John Wesley Lawlah, Morehouse '25, medical director of Provident Hospital, who recently was elected to the deanship of the Howard University Medical School.

Spelman Awards 64 Degrees

The 64 members of the graduating class at Spelman College listened with rapt interest to President MacLean as he outlined the tasks to which they might apply themselves. He told them that their job as women, joining with other American women, is to carry on the work already begun by many organizations in the interest of their nation and their race, and if they can organize themselves they can bring to bear the greatest political, social, and economic power the world has ever seen. Looking toward the future, President MacLean predicted that the Spelman graduates, through their college training, could wipe out corrupt political devices. As college women, he felt that they would know politics need not be a dirty game; that because of their training they would know the power of political influence to get better schools, better hospitals, better food, health, homes, and growth, not only for their own children but for all America's children. By organized thought, planning, and effort the speaker informed them, they can improve race relations, work for fair treatment for all minorities, equality of wages for men and women, social justice in all of its aspects, and stop war dead in its tracks by joining together and demanding a world union, a world police force, and a world court so set up as to make it impossible for the weak, hurt, angry, and frustrated, or the bullies of the earth to tear loose again.

The Lydia Rutledge Scholarship

In the will of the late Charles Edward Russell of Washington, D. C., Atlanta University received one thousand dollars to be used as a scholarship fund for young colored women. It will bear the name of "The Lydia Rutledge Scholarship."

Library Conference Held in March

A Library Conference, jointly sponsored by the Carnegie Corporation of New York and the General Education Board, was held on the University campus March 14 and 15. In attendance were educators and librarians from approximately 25 Southern colleges, library officials in several of the leading universities of the United States, representatives from major foundations, state agents for Negro schools,

and state library supervisors.

At the opening session on March 14, Miss Anita M. Hostetter, secretary of the board of education for librarians of the American Library Association, spoke on "Questions for a New Library School"; and Dean Louis R. Wilson of the Graduate School of Library Science at the University of Chicago discussed "Education for Librarianship-A New Opportunity in the South." General discussion on these subjects was opened by Dr. W. W. Bishop of the University

of Michigan.

At the afternoon session on this same date, Dr. Frederick P. Keppel, president of the Carnegie Corporation of New York, was the first speaker. Others on the program were Miss Tommie Dora Barker, dean of the Emory University Library School, whose subject was "The Education of Librarians for Library Service in the South"; Dr. Eliza Atkins Gleason, librarian of Talladega College, who discussed "Public Library Service and the Negro"; Mrs. Ruth Theobald Young, visiting lecturer at the Emory University Library School, who spoke on "A State Program for Library Extension"; and Miss Ernestine Rose, librarian of the 135th Street Branch, New York Public Library, who discussed "The Library—An Intelligence Center for the Community."

The second day, at a University Convocation in Sisters Chapel, Spelman College, members of the Conference were special guests of the affiliated institutions. An inspection tour of the campuses took place before the Conference sessions were resumed in the Library. The principal address of the morning was delivered by Miss Florence R. Curtis, formerly director of the Hampton Library School. Her

subject was "Problems and Conditions which the Librarian Faced and the Progress Which Has Been Made." Several speakers took part in a panel discussion concerned with "The Problems Which the Librarian Faces - With Particular Reference to the Work of the Negro College and the High School." Mr. Fred McCuistion, field agent of the General Education Board, served as chairman of the discussion, which was participated in by Mrs. Hallie Beacham Brooks, librarian of the Atlanta University Laboratory School; Mr.

Walter G. Daniel, librarian of Howard University; Mr. Wallace Van Jackson, librarian at Virginia Union University; Miss Virginia M. Lacy, catalog librarian at Atlanta University; Dr. Louis Shores, Director of the Library School at the George Peabody College for Teachers; and Miss Charlotte Templeton, librarian at Atlanta University. The Conference was brought to a close with a general summary of the happenings during the two-day session by Dr. Carl H. Milam, Executive Secretary of the American Library Association.

Twenty-one college presidents were among those registered for the meetings. These included William H. Bell of Alcorn A. & M. College; John B. Watson of Arkansas A. M. & N. College; David D. Jones of Bennett College; Horace Mann Bond of Fort Valley State College; G. Lamar Harrison of Colored Agricultural and Normal University, Langston; E. C. Peters of Paine College; M. Lafayette Harris of Philander Smith College; Robert P. Daniel of Shaw University; Felton G. Clark of Southern University; Buell G. Gallagher of Talladega College; Judson L. Cross of Tougaloo College; John M. Gandy of Virginia State College; William J. Clark of Virginia Union University; Florence M. Read of Spelman College; Benjamin E. Mays of Morehouse College: W. A. Fountain of Morris Brown College; L. S. Cozart of Barber-Scotia College; John H. Lewis of Dunbar Junior College; David A. Lane, Jr., of Louisville Municipal College; Rudolph Moses of Dillard University; and Rufus E. Clement of Atlanta University.

Among the college deans were J. B. Bowles of Houston College for Negroes; Sister M. Madeleine Sophie of Xavier University; and James P. Brawley of Clark College.

Others in attendance were Miss Susan Grey Akers, Director of the School of Library Science at the University of North Carolina; Trevor Arnett, former president of the General Education Board and a trustee of Atlanta University, Morehouse College, and Spelman College; Thomas R. Barcus, of the Advisory Group on Academic Libraries of



DR. KEPPEL AT CONVOCATION Educators listen to the head of a great foundation.



DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE AT THE LIBRARY CONFERENCE

the Carnegie Corporation; Robert L. Cousins, Director of the Division of Negro Education in Georgia; Jackson Davis, Associate Director of the General Education Board; C. W. Dickinson, Jr., Director of School Libraries and Textbooks, State Board of Education, Virginia; Mrs. Mary Peacock Douglas, State School Library Adviser in North Carolina; E. A. Duke, State Agent for Negro Schools, Oklahoma; J. B. Felton. State Agent for Negro Schools, South Carolina; Miss Sue Hefley, Supervisor of School Libraries, Louisiana; Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, Director of the Division of Instructional Service, Department of Public Instruction, North Carolina; Miss Sarah Jones, Assistant Director of Textbook and Library Division, Department of Education, Georgia; J. S. Lambert, Director of Negro Education, Alabama; L. M. Lester, Associate Director, Division of Negro Education, Georgia; Robert M. Lester, Secretary of the Carnegie Corporation; Ed McCuistion, Supervisor of Colored Schools, Arkansas; N. C. Newbold, State Agent for Negro Schools, North Carolina: A. G. Richardson, Assistant Supervisor of Negro Education, Virginia; S. L. Smith, Director of Public Relations. George Peabody College for Teachers; Dr. Guy E. Snavely, Executive Secretary of the Association of American Colleges; Miss Eulah Mae Snider, Director of Extension Service, State Library Board, Florida; L. N. Taylor, State Agent for Negro Schools, Kentucky; W. E. Turner, Director of Negro Education, Tennessee; D. E. Williams, State Agent for Negro Schools, Florida; J. E. Williams, State Supervisor of Negro Education, Louisiana; Gordon Worley, Director of the Division of Special Problems in Negro Education, Texas; and Leo M. Favrot of Louisiana State University.

Among the college librarians present were Miss Lovey A. Anthony, Lincoln University, Missouri; Miss M. Ernestine Anthony, Spelman College; O. J. Baker, Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College; Mrs. E. Collins Byrd, Dunbar Junior College; Miss L. Zenobia Coleman, Tougaloo College; Mrs. Dorothy M. Crosland, Georgia School of Technology; Miss Beulah M. Davis, Morgan College; Miss Mollie E. Dunlap, Wilberforce University; Mrs. Annie R. Goode, Virginia Union University; Miss Edna R. Hanley, Agnes Scott College; Mrs. C. L. Hinkson, Houston College for Negroes; Miss Fanny D. Hinton, Carnegie Library, Atlanta; Miss Dora B. Holman, Barber-Scotia College; Mrs. Susie L. Howard, Carnegie Library, Atlanta; James A. Hulbert, Virginia State College for Negroes; Henry James, Fayetteville State Teachers College; Miles M. Jefferson, West Virginia State College; Miss Margaret Jemison, Emory University; Mrs. Ruby Lyells, Alcorn A. & M. College; Miss Mary L. McAfee, Morris Brown College; Mrs. Constance H. Marteena, Bennett College; Miss L. Y. Merriweather, Fort Valley State College; Mrs. Athelma R. Nix, South Carolina State College; Miss Julia Palmer, A. M. & N. College, Arkansas; Miss Collye Lee Riley, Clark College; Mrs. Agnes M. Scott, Colored A. & N. University, Langston; Miss Camille Shade, Southern University; Sister Mary Redempta, Xavier University; Nathaniel Stewart, Dillard University; Mrs. Sarah W. Wallace, Paine College; Miss Frances L. Wiggs, Philander Smith College; Mrs. Amanda M. Williams, Shaw University; W. B. Williams, Miner Teachers College; and Mrs. Hortense H. Young, Louisville Municipal College.

College 1881

Dr. Paul E. Spratlin, a graduate of Atlanta University in 1881 and for the past fifty years a resident of Denver, Colorado, observed the sixtieth anniversary of his graduation on June 2. He was unable to be in Atlanta for the alumni reunion and banquet and to represent his class, of which he is the



Paul E. Spratlin
For sixty years he has honored
his alma mater.

sole survivor. There were but two other members of the college class of 1881—the late Charles Rice of Dallas, Texas; and the late Butler R. Wilson, distinguished attorney of Boston, Massachusetts.

In the sixty years that Dr. Spratlin has been away from Atlanta University, he has reflected credit on his alma mater. Shortly after graduation, he entered the field of education and taught in both private and public schools in Georgia, Tennessee, and Texas. But it was in the field of medical science that he yearned to do his life's work.

As soon as was practicable, he enrolled at the Medical School in Denver, Colorado, and from here he was graduated in 1892. Since that time, Dr. Spratlin has been constantly engaged in the practice of medicine. For twenty years he was medical officer in the Denver

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Bureau of Health, serving as chief quarantine officer of contagious diseases.

Not only has Dr. Spratlin made a significant contribution to the field of medical science, but he has also made a significant contribution in the success that his children have achieved. His oldest son is a veterinarian; his youngest, a professor of romance languages at Howard University. One of his daughters is an instructor in physical education in the public schools of Washington, D. C.; and another has earned her master of dramatic arts degree at Western Reserve University.

College 1894
Nathaniel White Collier. The
passing of Nathaniel White Collier
on February 20 extended the list
of Atlanta University alumni, distinguished in the field of Negro
education, who have died in re-

cent years.

On June 26, 1938, the nation was stunned by news of the accidental death of James Weldon Johnson, '94. Then within four months, Henry Alexander Hunt, '90, principal of the Fort Valley N. & I. School, died suddenly in Washington, D. C.; and on January 8, 1940, came word of the death of William Baxter Matthews, '90, for many years principal of the Central High School in Louisville, Kentucky. With the demise of President Collier, the ranks of these pioneers are gradually thinning out.

The life of the deceased has been an interesting one. Shortly after graduation, he became principal of the Florida Baptist Academy in Jacksonville, which had been in existence for only two years. The Academy was without funds, and had little land or equipment, yet President Collier took over and within a relatively short time developed a good high and industrial school. Because of his marked success at the Academy, the Chamber of Commerce in St. Augustine, Florida, invited him to

establish a school on an old sugar plantation, which later was to become known throughout the country as the Florida Normal and Industrial Institute. President Collier served the Institute as its head for more than three decades. It has been said that his life and work have been to Florida what John Hope's were to Georgia, and Booker T. Washington's to Alabama.

At his last rites, the following tribute was paid by Mr. D. E. Williams, State Agent for Negro Schools in Florida:

"My friends, we have gathered here today to pay our respects to President Nathaniel White Collier. President Collier taught people of both races. I was one of President Collier's pupils in learning from him the lessons in the simple virtues of living with people. President Collier taught and practiced genuineness, sincerity, courtesy, kindness, and consideration for the rights and feelings of others. In our thirteen years of work together, President Collier at no time misrepresented anything relative to the Florida Normal and Industrial Institute. President Collier has passed on but his spirit will live on in the hearts of those who knew him. He has made the first step in providing educational opportunities for an underprivileged people. He was the liaison between those who had substance to give and those who needed instruction. The second step is up to us. We must see that this institution continues to carry on the work of President Collier by applying Christianity in public education and political civic life, by removing discrimination against a minority group."

Normal 1885

Mrs. Mary Jackson McCrorey. For her achievement in the field of education, Mrs. Mary Jackson McCrorey was honored with the degree of doctor of pedagogy by Benedict College at the June commencement exercises.

Mrs. McCrorey is distinguished nationally for her work in education. She is counsellor of women at Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, North Carolina. Her husband, Henry C. McCrorey, is president of this institution.

College 1885

Antone Graves, who operated a real estate business in Atlanta, died at his residence on March 21 at the age of 79.

Mr. Graves was a native of Rome, Georgia. He became the first principal of the Gate City public school at the corner of Houston and Butler Streets, and served in this capacity from 1884 to 1886. In the latter year he entered the real estate business, which he operated successfully for 55 years.

The deceased handled some of the biggest real estate deals in the history of Atlanta. He is said to have sold the governor's mansion to the state; to have travelled to Cuba to appraise a tract of land; and then to Leeds, England, to negotiate a sale for this property to a furniture concern.

At one time, Mr. Graves was prominent in the Republican party, especially in the era of Henry Lincoln Johnson and Ben Davis.

Ex '89

Dr. James W. Madison died in Atlanta on November 12. The deceased was a native of Atlanta and attended the public schools of this city. At various times he taught school in several towns throughout Georgia.

Dr. Madison continued his education at Meharry Medical College, and upon graduation from this institution was appointed professor of chemistry. Returning to Atlanta after a number of years, the deceased practiced in his home town, where he became a leader in civic, fraternal, and church affairs.

College 1903

Word has been received at Atlanta University of the death of Mrs. Milton E. Sanders. Many of her old friends will remember her as the former Emma Ellen White of Atlanta.

Mrs. Sanders led a very useful life. After completing her education she served as a teacher in Georgia and Oklahoma. Later, following her marriage, she moved to Wyoming. Here she became a charter member and secretary of the Mutual Uplift Club in Casper, a charter member of the Wyoming Association of Colored Women, and a sponsor of the Casper Association of Colored Girls. Mrs. Sanders was affiliated with several interracial groups.

College '23

Miss Vera Gibson was married, July 3, to Mr. Rheuben Taylor.

Normal '23

Miss Elizabeth Lemon was awarded the Master of Arts degree at the June commencement exercises of Columbia University.

College '27

Miss Edythe M. Wimbish was married, December 26, 1940, to Mr. John E. Bowen.

College '27 Graduate School '33

Mr. William H. Brown, instructor in physics and chemistry at the Laboratory High School, will be on leave of absence during 1941-42 to serve on the staff of the Secondary School Study of the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools for Negroes.

College '28

Mrs. Mildred Carmichael Smith was awarded the degree of Master of Arts at the June commencement exercises of Atlanta University. She has been appointed case worker for the Fulton County Department of Public Welfare.

College '31

Mrs. Agnes Maddox Scott was recently appointed post librarian at Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

Graduate School 1934

Charles A. Beckett of Chicago, has passed the examination for C. P. A. in Illinois.

At the present time Mr. Beckett is enrolled in the graduate school of Northwestern University, where he has completed residence work for the degree of master of business administration.

Jacob R. Henderson has been

appointed manager of the John J. Eagan Homes, Atlanta's two million dollar public housing development.

The Eagan Homes are constructed on a twenty-two acre site, and are bounded on the north by Spencer Street, on the east by Chestnut Street, on the west by Ellijay Street, and on the south by Carter Street. The 180 units consist of 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 room apartments and row houses. All of the dwellings are fireproof, and all have private front yards and fenced-in back yards with space for flowers and vegetables.

After graduating from Atlanta University, Mr. Henderson was a special student in the Workers' Education School sponsored by the Federal Emergency Relief Administration. During the summer of 1936 he was enrolled in a special course in housing given at Columbia University, and two summers ago he was a student at New York University, taking courses in the Housing Management Institute.

In the fall of 1934 Mr. Henderson was engaged by Atlanta University to manage the two bookstores in the University System, and to serve as assistant purchasing agent for the University. In February, 1937, he was appointed assistant to the Housing Manager of the University Homes. He was married, July 4, to Miss Freddye E. Scarborough.

Graduate School '37

Mr. Hugh Heyne Smythe has received an extension of his Rosenwald Fellowship to continue work on the Ph.D. degree. He will leave for Honduras, Central America, in September to gather data for his dissertation in the field of anthropology.

Graduate School '39

Miss Helen Bell was married, June 28, to Mr. J. Jerome Robinson.

Graduate School '41

Mr. William Wasson was married, May 25, to Miss Carrie Bernice Crawford.

Mr. Joe M. Hill has been appointed to the faculty of the Lab-(Continued on Page 13)

Professor Milton Appointed to Treasury Staff

A short time ago, two significant honors came to Mr. Lorimer Douglas Milton, chairman of the department of economics at Atlanta University. The United States government called him in as an adviser on the Defense Savings Staff of the Treasury Department, and Howard University elected him to a place on its board of trustees.

These honors were not undeserved. For years Mr. Milton has been identified with the education of Negro youth, the advancement of business opportunities for the Negro race, and the civic welfare of the city of Atlanta. In spite of the fact that many men were available for the Washington post, the government authorities selected him because he appeared to be the most capable and experienced man they could secure. Howard University elected him because of the advantage in having as a trustee an individual versatile and experienced, a man able to give the very best guidance to those with whom he is associated.

Mr. Milton is one of the busiest men on the University faculty. While his teaching load is not heavy, it still commands a great deal of his time. Notwithstanding, he is also president and a director of the Citizens Trust Company; a partner in the Yates and Milton Drug Stores; secretary-treasurer and a director of Blamiya Incorporated, real estate investments; treasurer and a director of Brown Boy Bottling Company; a director of the South View Cemetery Association; a director of the Chestnut Hill Cemetery Association; a director of Cornelius King and Son, real estate and apartment management; consultant to the Finance Commission of the Baptist Sunday School Publishing Board in Nashville, Tennessee; treasurer of the Atlanta Negro Chamber of Commerce; and treasurer of the Atlanta Branch of the N. A. A. C. P. Mr. Milton also is a member of the executive committee of the National Negro Business League, of the Federal Advisory Committee on University Homes (WPA Low

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Cost Housing), of the Federal Advisory Committee of the Atlanta Housing Authority, and of the National Association of Housing Officials.

Finding it impossible to spend full time away from his businesses in Atlanta, Mr. Milton accepted the Washington offer on condition that his services could be rendered on a part-time basis. For the pres-



Lorimer D. Milton busy and useful

ent he spends three days each week in Washington, and four in Atlanta. After several more weeks of this arrangement, he will be back at regular routine in Atlanta, but on call to return to the capital whenever it is necessary. He is rendering a distinct service to his country in this critical period of new financing to raise billions of dollars to protect the interests of the American people and to promote the program of national defense.

Mr. Milton is a native of Washington. He attended grammar school in the District of Columbia and the Dunbar High School. On graduation from the latter he received a scholarship to Brown Uni-

versity in Providence, Rhode Island. In 1920, he was awarded both the A.B. and the A.M. degrees from this institution. Later he attended a special session for business executives (finance section) at the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration.

Following his graduation from Brown, Mr. Milton accepted a position as section chief in the Bureau of Census, but resigned within a few months to come to Morehouse College as a teacher of English. After one year he began teaching economics and continued in this capacity until the affiliation of Morehouse College, Spelman College, and Atlanta University, whereupon he was appointed to the graduate faculty in economics.

The business career of Mr. Milton began with his acceptance of a job as bookkeeper with the Citizens Trust Company, organized in 1920. In 1924, together with C. R. Yates, Atlanta University, '20, he opened the first of the Yates and Milton Drug Stores, and since that time two more have been added. In 1924, Mr. Milton resigned from his position at the bank, but was called back in 1927 as cashier. He was elected vice-president in 1932, and president in 1937.

Dr. Ira De A. Reid Serves Federal Government

Since Dr. Ira De A. Reid joined the faculty of Atlanta University several years ago, he has been released on several occasions to lend his services to the federal government. This year, he was away during the second semester for special work in the research division of the social security department. His duties include the coordinating of certain phases of the social security work as it relates to Negroes. The entire department is under Paul V. McNutt.

Dr. Tillman Named Chairman of English Department

Dr. Nathaniel P. Tillman of Morehouse College has been named chairman of the English Department at Atlanta University. (Continued on Page 13)

Professor Clarence Bacote Received First Appointment to **Graduate School Faculty**



CLARENCE A. BACOTE studying the Negro in Georgia politics

Clarence A. Bacote, professor of American History at Atlanta University, bears the distinction of being the first appointee to the faculty of the graduate school.

Shortly after Atlanta University, Morehouse College, and Spelman College became affiliated, Dr. John Hope had the task of building up a strong history depart-ment. Determined to secure the best available, he consulted with several leading historians in the country, and as a result Professor Bacote received the appointment. At that time he was on the faculty of Florida A. & M. College in Tallahassee.

Several years after coming to Atlanta, Professor Bacote was released temporarily to serve Wiley College as an exchange professor, and at one time he directed the N. A. A. C. P. Citizenship School in Atlanta. He has earned degrees at the University of Kansas and the University of Chicago, and at the latter institution he has completed all residence requirements for the Ph.D. degree. His disser-tation entitled "The Georgia Negro in Politics," has aroused much interest in the political background of this state.

On three different occasions, Professor Bacote has received fellowships from the General Education Board for advanced study. Within recent years he has contributed articles to the Journal of Negro History and to the Quarterly Review of Higher Education Among Negroes. He holds membership in the American Historical Association and in the American Association of University Professors.

Atlanta University Staff Member Appointed to Defense Project in Kentucky

Atlanta University has granted a leave of absence to James Sylvester Braxton, an engineer at the power plant, who already has entered on his new duties as construction engineer on a Defense Project in Louisville, Kentucky.

Mr. Braxton is a native of Jersey City and a graduate of the Stevens Institute of Technology. He was appointed to the staff of Atlanta University in July, 1937.

John Hope II Receives Renewal of Rosenwald Grant

Among the 64 recipients of awards from the Rosenwald Foundation for study during the academic year 1941-42 is John Hope II, an instructor in economics at Spelman College and Atlanta Uni-

Mr. Hope received a renewal of his previous grant to continue study at the University of Chicago of consumption habits and credit practices among low income families in the southern economy.

Notice to Alumni

Please send to the editor of the BULLETIN items of interest and changes of address. The forthcoming issues are to carry alumni news, and this new service can be made more effective by the wholehearted cooperation of the alumni.

Dr. Tillman Named Chairman of English Department

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He will be employed jointly by the University and Morehouse College and will continue to serve both of these institutions.

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oratory High School.

Miss Dorothy Forde has been appointed to the faculty of Dillard

University.

Mr. Frederick Jenkins has been granted a fellowship by the Rosenwald Foundation for study during 1941-42 at the University of Chicago.

The Ware Fund

A number of University alumni have sent in their contributions or pledges to the Edmund Asa Ware Professorship Fund. The following letter was received by the Chairman of the Fund and its appeal was so strong that he wanted others to read it:

"Dear Friend:

Please find enclosed a check for ten dollars to be applied to the Ware Professorship Fund. This is quite a laudable purpose. I sat in as an undergraduate when the motion founding it was passed-it was in Stone Hall after commencement and dinner. If I am not mistaken, Richard Wright was the president and it was the first alumni meeting in the building. We met in the Student Assembly Room, lower floor, as the Chapel was not then in use. The next year Mr. Ware was not with us.

Perhaps I have got it all wrong, but I think I have got it all right. Anyhow, 'we've all dispersed and wandered. . . .'

This purpose has tenaciously held on and should be accomplished. 'The water that has passed' will never make the mill grind. The true economy of our resources will most surely help us to see our obligations.

I regret that I slept when I might have been most useful.

Respectfully, J. R. PORTER Atlanta University, '86."

THE WARE FUND IS WORTHY OF YOUR SUPPORT. WON'T YOU SEND IN YOUR CON-TRIBUTION?





(Above) "Tovarich"

(Left) "My Heart's in the Highlands"

The Summer Theatre

The Summer Theatre recently emerged from its eighth season triumphant over five successful presentations. Ever since its beginning in 1934, the Summer Theatre has had steady growth, a growth which has been due not only to its leadership, but also to its appeal for talented young men and women all over the country who are eager to secure experience in the field of dramatics.

Many of the students in attendance at the summer school come from small communities and their only opportunity to see plays of the legitimate stage is in Atlanta at the Summer Theatre. The directors, cognizant of this fact, bend every effort to map out a diversified bill that should be satisfactory to all types and all tastes.

This season's productions, both in acting and production details, were of superior order. As was customary, the am-

bitious schedule carried three performances weekly of each play. The first offering was Jacques Deval's "Tovarich," famous on stage and screen as a portrayal of Russian nobility; and the second, "My Heart's in the Highlands," a whimsical play by William Saroyan. For the third offering, the players performed in "Elijah's Ravens," a gentle satire on Negro society, from the pen of Shirley Graham. During the fourth week, the Summer Theatre stepped over into more tense drama, scoring a great success with "The Silver Cord," Sidney Howard's dynamic revelation of a selfish mother's hold on the lives of her children. Closing the season was "Cyrano de Bergerac," Edmond Rostand's colorful portrayal of the 17th century.

Miss Anne M. Cooke, who organized the Summer Theatre, is its director, and Owen Dodson the assistant director. Assisting on the staff this year were Mrs. Ella Haith Weaver,

director of the Basement Players in Washington, D. C., and Thomas Pawley, director of dramatics at Lincoln University in Missouri.



THE ATLANTA UNIVERSITY SUMMER SCHOOL CHORUS

presented in first evening concert

Talented music students at the Summer School were presented in concert on Monday evening, July 14, in Sisters Chapel. Taking part on the program were the mixed chorus of 45 voices, the summer school quartet, and instrumental and vocal soloists. Kemper Harreld was the director.

Summer Study at Atlanta University

Within a week after the close of the commencement season, the campuses in the University System were alive with activity as the summer session got under way. For the first time since the University dormitories were completed nine years ago, they were opened for housing a number of the faculty and students during the summer.

From June 10 through July 19 the summer school was in session as a combined enterprise of Atlanta's educational institutions for the higher learning of Negroes.

The appeal of the curriculum was wide. Courses were designed not only for students as in the regular sessions, but also for teachers and others who wished to broaden their knowledge of a chosen field or to increase their professional skills. Listed among the registrants were teachers, principals, supervisors, clerical workers, state school dentists, librarians, nurses, recreation workers, county superintendents, beauticians, bell boys, ministers, domestics, insurance agents, school matrons, and home demonstration agents.

Of those enrolled, 351 were seeking graduate credits; 233 were after their college degrees; 59 were enrolled because it was necessary to renew their state certificate; 37 were simply interested in self improvement; 32 were taking courses in social work; junior college certificates were desired by 29; normal certificates by 21; and religious work by 5.

Further statistics reveal that 16 were in the Arts and Crafts Workshop; 12 in the Summer School of the Theatre; 6 in the French Institute; and 11 in the courses for Teacher-Librarians. In the Progressive Education Demonstration School, 179 pupils were distributed in the Rural School, Nursery School, and in Grades 2, 4, and 6 of the Elementary School.

Represented in the enrollment were twenty-three states and the District of Columbia. The states included Alabama, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

The cooperating Atlanta institutions—Morehouse College, Spelman College, Clark College, Morris Brown College, Gammon Theological Seminary, and the Atlanta University School of Social Work—under the leadership of Atlanta University, have found that a combination of resources and personnel are well justified, and the results gratifying. Through this affiliation, the University was able to offer 152 courses in the following departments: art, biology, chemistry, dramatics, economics, education, English, French, history, home economics, liberal arts, library service, mathematics, sociology, social work, and religion. Of the 67 instructors in attendance, 12 were guests from leading institutions in other parts of the country.

Available to students in the session were special lectures, forums, plays, musical programs, and other means of entertainment.

Summer School - - - - Calendar of Events

- JUNE 10—Assembly. Speaker, President Rufus E. Clement. Subject: "The American Negro's Role in the Present World Crisis."
 - 12—Assembly. Speaker, Dr. Rushton Coulborn. Subject: "A Civilization in Decline."
 - 12-Forum. Speaker, Dr. Coulborn.
 - 17—Assembly. Speaker, Dr. Nathaniel P. Tillman. Subject: "The English Language and the Conflict."
 - Speaker, Dr. Ossip Flechtheim. Subject: "Scholars in the Conflict."
 - 19—Summer Theatre. Opening of "Tovarich" by Jacques Deval. Also on June 20, 21.
 - 19—Assembly. Speaker, Dr. Mose Harvey of Emory University.
 - 22—Reception. President and Mrs. Clement hosts to students and faculty.
 - 24—Assembly. Speaker, Dr. William Oscar Brown of Howard University.
 - Subject: "The Declining Fertility of the Western World."
 - 25—Summer Theatre. "My Heart's in the Highlands" by William Saroyan. Also on June 26, 27.
 - 27—Assembly. Speaker, Dr. Ira De A. Reid.
 - 27—Forum. Speaker, Dr. Robert C. Weaver of the Office of Production Management.
 - 30—Reception. President and Mrs. Mays of Morehouse College hosts to students and faculty.
- JULY 1—Forum. Speaker, Dr. Coulborn.
 Subject: "The Russian Revolution, Yesterday, To-day, and Tomorrow."
 - 1—Assembly. Speaker, Dr. Conrad Taeuber, Acting Head, Division of Farm Welfare, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.
 - 2—Summer Theatre. "Elijah's Ravens," a play of Negro life, by Shirley Graham. Also July 3, 4.
 - 3—Assembly. Program of Music, featuring the Summer School Men's Quartet.
 - 4—A Holiday.
 - 8—Forum. Speaker, Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois.
 Subject: "The Darker Races and the Present
 World War."
 - 8—Forum. Speaker, Dr. Du Bois.
 - Subject: A continuation of Assembly lecture.

 9—Summer Theatre. "The Silver Cord" by Sidney
 Howard. Also July 10, 11.
 - 10—Assembly. General Discussion on "The Aims and Purposes of the American Teachers' Association."
 - 14—Annual Concert. Sisters Chapel.
 - 15—Assembly. Speaker, Mr. Malcolm H. Bryan, first vice-president, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.
 - 15—Forum. Speaker, Mr. William Pickens of the Defense Savings Staff.
 - 16—Summer Theatre. "Cyrano de Bergerac" by Edmond Rostand. Also July 17, 18.

