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*At the Laying of the Corner Stone of the Health and Recreation Building*

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## The Corner Stone

As those on the campus have become more and more involved in the orderly disorder of building operations, and have watched the almost magical growth of modern construction where but a few weeks ago there was nothing, they have looked forward with eager expectancy to the next step—the laying of the cornerstone of the Health and Recreation Building.

It was a goodly company of students, faculty and friends that gathered on Sunday afternoon, November 5, 1950, for a truly historic event. The first part of the program, in Sisters Chapel, was short. Handel's Largo, a hymn of praise, invocation by Miss Johnnie Louise Fowler, TPC '04, Scripture reading by President Read, and unison reading by the four college classes identifying physical fitness with spiritual service, "Remember Now Thy Creator" by the Morehouse College Glee Club, and a recessional which ushered the crowd out of the chapel and across the way to the Gymnasium.

In the second part of the service, President Florence M. Read performed the duties of Mistress of Ceremonies with her usual dignity and charm. Present were six members of the Board of Trustees.

It was fitting that the opening prayer should be made by the Reverend Maynard Holbrook Jackson, pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, the basement of which was the first open door to Spelman Seminary.

Dr. John Curtis Dixon, vice-president and executive director of the Southern Education Foundation and Spelman trustee, spoke briefly of the significance of the moment, and of other cornerstones which had been laid within the college enclosure—each as an evidence of foresight and understanding, the time between being but an interlude between eras of progress; each a tribute to people or agencies or institutions, "as is this one." "This occasion," said Dr. Dixon, "is primarily a memorial to the indefatigable effort of one woman, supported by alumnae, friends, and agencies." Continuing his tribute to Miss Read, Dr. Dixon said that he had no doubt that in her mind the erection of the Gymnasium was a restatement and a reaffirmation of Spelman's earliest belief in the need for educated women, and that the present was only a breathing spell before she went on to the next step. "This occasion is evidence of the forward look of the institution and of the people connected with it. It is evidence and a clear reflection

of Spelman's philosophy that a social institution must continue to grow or retrogress. We all know how Miss Read has struggled to see this dream come to fruition. What is being done here is not an end in itself. Whereas a need has been met, an additional need has been created. She would like more support for other needs."

Mrs. Julia Pate Borders, president of the National Spelman Alumnae Association, expressed the joy of alumnae in the fulfilment of the dream, shared by Spelmanites everywhere. "We know what the next step is," said Mrs. Borders, "and we have pledged ourselves to be an increased blessing to this great institution, and hope to do much to add to the usefulness of Spelman women for tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow." Miss Read announced that the Alumnae Association had allocated five thousand dollars to the Gymnasium Fund, in addition to gifts from individual members.

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, Jurisdiction of Georgia, in their colorful regalia, led by Mr. John Wesley Dobbs, Grand Master, with Deputy Grand Master X. L. Neal standing by, now took charge of the service and carried out the impressive and reverent ritual of the Masonic Order for the laying of a cornerstone. The Grand Master explained that the ancient and honorable order has its origin in antiquity, the records extending in

unbroken line from the time of King Solomon; that many notables of our own age have belonged to the order, including 55 out of 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence, George Washington, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and Harry S. Truman.

The order of ceremonies, directed by the Grand Master, proceeded as they have from time immemorial in a service of dedication, in which the labor of men's hands is given its honorable place in building construction, and the glory is given to the Master Builder. Interspersed were spirituals sung by the Masonic chorus under the direction of Henry J. Furlow. The "jewels of the craft", the plumb, the level, and the square, were applied to the stone, the report in each case being that the stone was well and truly laid and that the workmen had faithfully performed their duties. Then the symbols, the elements of consecration, were sprinkled on the four corners of the stone—the corn, signifying plenty; the wine, joy and gladness; the oil, peace. The Masonic benediction was pronounced by the Reverend William Holmes Borders, Acting Grand Chaplain.

The service was then returned to President Read, who expressed thanks to the Order, and to all who had shared in bringing fulfilment of the dream. She named many, including John D. Rockefeller, Jr., who had helped by the purchase of the land; Colonel Mose Cox who has



*Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Georgia. John Wesley Dobbs, Grand Master (second from right); other officials, reading from left: X. L. Neal, Deputy Grand Master; William A. Fowlkes, Secretary; Rev. William Holmes Borders, Acting Grand Chaplain; Dr. B. H. Atkinson, Junior Grand Warden; J. W. Reece, Senior Grand Warden*

charge of the highway development, the City Council and the Mayor, who had acceded to the request for the closing of Ella Street; the contractors, Barge and Thompson; the workers and the superintendent of construction, Mr. Crockett; Mr. Jo Blake who sealed the metal box; and many others.

The Spelman Glee Club sang "Now thank we all our God," and the benediction was pronounced by President Rufus Early Clement, of Atlanta University.

### **For Posterity**

In accordance with an ancient custom, a box is placed inside the

cornerstone containing contemporary data. The contents of the metal box, sealed now for many years to come, are as follows:

1. Program of Laying of Cornerstone.
2. Letter to Grand Master John Wesley Dobbs inviting the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Georgia, to lay the Cornerstone.
3. Pictures of Breaking of Ground—June 3, 1950. 1950 Commencement. 1950 Plays by University Players and Summer Theatre.
4. Appeals for funds to build Gymnasium, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950.

5. Ten inch Spike—symbolic first gift from Hugh DeHaven to President Read.

6. Catalog of Spelman College.

7. Commencement 1950 edition of *The Campus Mirror*, student publication.

8. *Spelman Messenger*, three 1950 issues, February, May, and August; and issue of February, 1949.

9. 1950 Programs: Commencement Exercises; Joint Baccalaureate Service; Glee Club Concert; Founders Day; Fifth John Hope Lecture, Ralph J. Bunche, Speaker; 23rd Annual Atlanta-Spelman-Morehouse Spring Concert; 23rd Annual Christmas Carol Concert.

10. Atlanta University Summer School Folder.

11. Spelman College Post Cards.

12. Pictorial Folders & Reprints.

13. Fine Arts Booklet.

14. Pictures of old barracks buildings which used to occupy site of gymnasium.

15. Names of Physical Culture and Physical Education teachers, 1887-1950.

16. Front page from the Atlanta Journal and the Atlanta Constitution of November 5, 1950.

17. Copy of Atlanta Daily World for November 5, 1950.

18. Names of workmen engaged in construction of building, foremen, superintendents, engineer, contractor.

19. United States coins in current circulation: 1950 pennies, dimes,

quarters, and half dollars; Buffalo nickels of 1913 and 1936, with names of students, faculty and friends contributing the coins.

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## Unison Reading

### FRESHMEN:

To keep the body fit is the first essential in keeping the mind alert and operative, the conscience clear, and the soul courageous and aspiring.

### SOPHOMORES:

Exercise and games not only make for fun and good sportsmanship but they develop self-control, efficiency, and strength of the nervous system.

### JUNIORS:

The word "hale" or "healthy" is another form of the word "whole" or "holy". The real holy man or woman is . . . one who develops wholeness of personality, who raises his total self, physical, mental, social and spiritual, to its highest power.

### SENIORS:

May the building whose cornerstone will be laid today, by encouraging health and providing wholesome recreation, bring about in all who use it inner harmony and strength, more vigorous health and greater physical stamina; and thus promote the ends and aims of college, community and national welfare. Paul said: "Know Ye Not that Ye are a Temple of God?"

Speakers: John Curtis Dixon, Trustee  
Mrs. Julia Pate Borders, Alumnae President.





**Charles S. Johnson**

"It is my deep conviction that the test of survival is that quality which we call maturity." So said President Charles S. Johnson, of Fisk University, speaking at the Atlanta University Charter Day Convocation on October 16, 1950. Addressing himself to youth on the threshold of a new and fast changing world, he defined the word maturity, first clearing the way by mentioning some attitudes which are not mature. In this class are shifting scales of values, standards of the moment, and a false sophistication which lacks a structural conviction—a deep inner sanction.

It is important for you to learn now, said Dr. Johnson, how to control immediate acts in the light of future goals. It is important to know that one is free to do only that for which he has paid the price of discipline . . . Habits of acting intelli-

gently develop only as one connects specific acts with their consequences. "This is the maturity of which I speak. Maturity does not just happen. It has to be won. It cannot be given, or observed from others, or absorbed by reading; it can be achieved only through one's own experience. Let us look at this maturity. It is the ability to unite unorganized and conflicting, often unrelated, needs and desires in an ordered whole in some way that actually works—that means something to the person."

There are always individuals who make decisions immaturely or fail to make decisions . . . You are not mature until you have developed a sense of personal responsibility for making choices in the light of the best you know. Growing up is a serious business.

Dr. Johnson named three qualities which should be in all of us as mature persons. First, an interest in the needs and purposes and well-being of others . . . If young people as students have not been helped to include their neighbors and the community, we have failed in one of the most important purposes of education. Those students have gone furthest who have wanted to be of use.

The second quality mentioned by Dr. Johnson is courage to face aloneness and defeat in one's personal life or one's work, and to face it before it happens, without being morally destroyed.

The final quality is faith in something, a personal religion.

# Abby Aldrich Rockefeller

By Mary Ellen Chase

A very special gift came to Spelman College this fall from Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr. It is a copy of the book by Mary Ellen Chase entitled *Abby Aldrich Rockefeller*.

If the author had used no words of her own to tell the story of Abby Aldrich Rockefeller, there would still step out of the pages of her book a living, loving woman, gay, happy hearted, brimming with mischief, wit and humor, with a fund of common sense, finding each day wonderful, with a mind like quicksilver, revealing itself in startling originality, able, and above all, kind—a very special person, very much herself always.

More than this, the book might be laid beside the Bible to amplify and interpret for our modern world the story of the five-talent man, and of the woman from Proverbs who stood beside him, “an ardent supporter”

of his stewardship; warming his heart and his home, guiding his children in paths of service, and communicating to all of her household and her wide circle of friends and acquaintances something of her own eager spirit and outlook, “a crown to her husband . . . her children arise up and call her blessed . . . her own works praise her in the gates.”

Because it is so largely in Mrs. Rockefeller's own words, wisely chosen to cover a life, one can only imagine what the book must mean to the one to whom she was nearest and dearest. A lovely, gracious, understanding tribute to a lovely, gracious, understanding person. Those who receive copies of this book as a gift from John D. Rockefeller, Jr., must realize that they belong to the inner circle of his friends. Spelman is honored and happy to be so included.

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“Joy is not a thing you can see.

It is what you feel when you watch waves breaking,  
Or when you peer through a net of woven violet stems  
In Spring grass.

It is not sunlight, not moonlight,  
But a separate shining.  
Joy lives behind people's eyes.”

From *Shoes of the Wind* by Hilda Conkling

# Association for Study of Negro Life and History

It was a proud day for Spelman, as indicated by President Read in her gracious welcome and introduction of the speakers, when the College was privileged on October 27, 1950, to entertain in its opening program the 35th Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History.

"Preliminaries and Announcements" were presented by Dr. L. D. Reddick, chairman of the Committee on Arrangements.

In introducing His Honor, William B. Hartsfield, Mayor of Atlanta, Miss Read expressed appreciation of the honor conferred on Spelman in having him as a guest, saying "We judge him to be a good mayor not only because of what he does and says, but also because of some of the things which he courageously declines to do and say. He has demonstrated, even in the South, that it is possible to be Mayor of *all* the people."

The Mayor presented greetings to the Association and friends assembled, and said that he was quite sure when the final story of Negro life and achievement was written, that men and women of Atlanta would be found to play a large part. Apologizing for introducing a political note, he spoke of the importance of the county unit issue in the next election, and urged all of voting age

to cast their vote against the extension of the system—saying that such a vote on November 7 would strike a blow for the freedom of the people of Georgia.

Responding to the Mayor, Attorney Louis R. Mehlinger, Secretary-Treasurer of the Association, paid tribute to the white friends of the Negro, such as the Mayor and the President of the United States, and many others, and asked his audience to cultivate friendship between the races, as a way to promote democracy.

It was a great disappointment that Mrs. Mary MacLeod Bethune, who was scheduled to speak, was unable to be present because of a plane delay. Her tribute to Dr. Woodson, "The Torch Is Ours," was, however, effectively read by Dr. Rayford W. Logan, Director of the Association. The awakening of the darker people of the U. S. to a knowledge of their history, Mrs. Bethune said, called for unflinching sacrifice and courage. Dr. Woodson had spent his life for the inspiration of present and future generations, and had left behind a heritage of increasing knowledge. It is for us, said Mrs. Bethune, to "re-light our torches from his flame, continue our search for truth, and hand the torch on to the waiting hand of posterity."

"We don't need to go to Asia, Africa and other countries of the world in our fight for freedom—that fight can begin right here in the United States, especially in Georgia."

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### Charles H. Wesley

Dr. Charles H. Wesley, president of Wilberforce State College, who made the commencement address for Atlanta University in June, was welcomed to the Spelman campus by President Read on this important occasion, and proceeded to make a brilliant address on Woodson, the Scholar.

He began by saying that we are too close in time to get an adequate picture of Carter G. Woodson. The measure of a scholar's achievement is not only through his works but through the evaluation of subsequent generations of scholars; their discoveries and conclusions and research confirming or rejecting the view of previous generations. In this case, however, said Dr. Wesley, we do not have to wait for the years to place him with the scholars, although we do not know how the future will place all of his historical writings. But we can make our appraisal with certainty. Woodson was a distinguished scholar of this generation. He has built his own monument. With keen judgment and rare ability he cleared away minor issues that the major ones might have the right of way.

There are five characteristics of Carter G. Woodson that students would do well to emulate:

1. He was a discoverer of the truth. He didn't start out to be a scholar. The difficulties with which he met, of race and environment, pushed him into it. His travels in Asia, Africa, and the Philippines extended his personal knowledge. With intelligence and keen insight he undertook to discover the truth about the peoples of color in Africa. Moreover, he discarded information about the Negro which his digging for facts proved to be false, and corrected errors of this sort which appeared in his own and other writings, even when the prestige of the Negro was thereby diminished. Just one illustration. When he was writing his "Negro in Our History," there appeared at first to be ample proof that a Negro had accompanied Columbus on his voyage of discovery. Persistent research convinced Dr. Woodson that this was not true, and he discarded the item. The same rigid intellectual honesty characterized his research in writing "Free Negro Owners of Slaves in 1830" and "Free Negro Heads of Families."

2. He was an organizer of the truth. The organization in 1915 of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History was the first attempt to treat scientifically the search for truth about the Negro.

3. He was a contributor to the truth. He was indefatigable in his search for material.

4. Woodson was a disseminator of the truth. He realized that Negroes, regardless of scholarship, were up against a stone wall in getting a hearing in reputable publications. No one would know what the Negro has thought and felt and done unless it were published. He believed that the truth about the Negro people should be spread among the scholarly and the unscholarly. He wanted a wide dissemination to secure understanding and appreciation and support for his work. At the same time he declined to exploit Negro history.

5. He was a fighter for the truth. The preservation of truth was not enough—it had to be fought for. There was material that some people

did not want to come to light. There were complaints against his policy of telling the whole truth. The support of the Association in 1933 was badly undermined, and Woodson rallied Negroes of the country to preserve the organization.

He was more than a scholar—he was a discoverer of truth, an organizer of truth, a contributor to truth, a disseminator of truth, and a fighter for truth. His whole life and work was devoted to a fundamental belief that “you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

After Dr. Wesley’s speech, visiting delegates and friends were introduced to the overflow audience.

Music was furnished by the Atlanta-Spelman-Morehouse Chorus.

## General William E. Brougher

From 3½ years as a prisoner of war in wretchedness which he describes as an all-time low, physically, mentally, spiritually, economically and every other way, Brigadier General William E. Brougher, soldier, philosopher, poet, commander of the ill-starred 11th Division of the Philippine Army which surrendered at Bataan, came back to the free air of America with a new conception of what our country stands for and means to its loyal citizens. One of eight out of 70 Americans

to survive that frightful ordeal, he has a passionate urge to spend the life so miraculously spared in an effort to make Americans everywhere understand and appreciate and preserve their privileges; to say to his countrymen some of the things that the lads lost at Bataan would have him say. On the occasion of a University Convocation held in Sisters Chapel on November 9, 1950, General Brougher held his audience spellbound as he spoke on the subject, “What America Means to a

Bataan Survivor”.

Six words symbolize the new meaning of America to General Brougher — freedom, democracy, fair play, sportsmanship, decency, Christianity.

Of freedom, he says—“Remember this all your lives, teach it to your children: Any time you see this freedom of ours being attacked or jeopardized, rise up and defend it with all you’ve got. Support every measure to protect it; leave the details to experts. When you lose your freedom, you lose everything that makes life worth living. Your freedom is a gift from our fathers; remember what it cost.”

The second word is democracy. We are often embarrassed by our inability to put into words what we mean in America by democracy. General Brougher’s definition is, “individual reward for individual effort.” At the other end of the pole is the Kremlin, the Communist, principle: equality of reward regardless of merit. This is at the bottom of all crime—insistence on equality of reward.

General Brougher sees the American game of baseball as exemplifying in a marvelous manner American democracy, and stressing the things which we desire to see inculcated in the lives of our children. Teamwork, fair play and good sportsmanship, the principle of individual reward. If the time ever comes that players can get on a team any way

except as a reward for individual effort, that will be the end of our great game of baseball.

By way of contrast—Communism substitutes compulsion for cooperation, tyranny for teamwork, the chain gang for community effort. No Communist can be a good Christian, a good father, a loyal son, or a faithful friend: he can only be a good Communist. The great national game of Soviet Russia is mass calisthenics, where the individual is submerged and loses his identity.

Here in America there are those who are demanding their right to reward without effort. Howlers, hoodlums, criminals, Communists, anyone not willing to pay the price in our democracy of hard work, serious study, and self-denial are insisting on equality of reward.

There are young idealists and some older ones who are living in an unrealistic world; who have kidded themselves into believing that the world is different from what it is. While we as workers in civic clubs, schools, churches, and interracial groups work for a world as we would like it to be, we must live in the world as it is. Editors, historians, reporters, say that we must know the world as it is and prepare to live in it and make ourselves reasonably secure in the world as it is. It is up to us to know when our freedom is being jeopardized or being nibbled away.

Christianity is the Number One

thing we should stand for in the world, and yet in this country less than 50% of the people are church members. I have found in America, said General Brougher, a lukewarmness, a clammy indifference to the great things we have in this country. In the military prison at Camp Gordon, in Augusta, Georgia, my final command, I found between 2000 and 3000 young Americans who had deliberately committed crime rather than fight. I started out to find the

answer and believe I found it. They did not believe in anything; their fathers and mothers did not believe in anything; the people who wrote the books and plays they read and saw did not believe in anything. It is important that we should have better fathers and mothers, better Americans. We have a terrific responsibility as parents and leaders to inspire our young people to be enthusiastic, conscientious believers in freedom, democracy and Christianity.

## Around the World With Spelman Faculty

The first quarter of 1950-51 brought into chapel the adventures of several faculty members, and gave homekeeping folk a glimpse of far horizons.

### Mexico

Mrs. Myrtle Bowers Davis, with her husband and two friends, took a motor trip into Mexico the last of August, almost reaching the Guatemala border. They crossed the new Alaska-to-South America highway, and traveled seventy miles without a curve; approaching Mexico City over mountain roads at one point as high as 9,000 feet. Among the peaks they caught incredible glimpses of growing crops. Mexico City was a whole trip in itself. Here they saw a bullfight, where the frenzied specta-

tors cast into the ring all detachable garments and impedimenta. Further along on their journey they visited a silver mine, took part in fiestas, saw beautiful gardens, colorful costumes, bought souvenirs, encountered much friendliness, and the whole proved a fascinating tale to be told at Spelman.

### Europe

Miss Georgia Poinsette and Dean Helen E. Rice, whose trip to Europe this summer was outlined in the August *Messenger*, appeared on the platform at different times. Miss Poinsette chose to tell of what seemed to her the high point of the trip—The Passion Play at Oberammergau. The appearance of this mystery play every ten years is in

fulfillment of a vow made in 1633, when the plague was stayed in this small town. It was shown last in 1930, World War II interfering with the 1940 one. Before each section of the dramatization of the Passion of Christ, there was a tableau of one of the great Bible stories. Our friends were privileged to stay in the village, and were much impressed with the atmosphere of reverence and the spiritual character of the players.

Dean Rice had her own high point of interest, when a newcomer joined the party in Paris and Miss Rice became Mrs. Walker and accompanied her husband back to Berlin, where there was an army wedding with all the trimmings. With characteristic modesty, she said little of this high point, but told much of interest about the trip, Holland, where they visited the quaint islands of Maarken and Volendam, and the Peace Palace at The Hague, with its treasures from many countries; Paris with its historic monuments, associations and unique atmosphere, and its sidewalk cafes. Everywhere they heard about the Marshall Plan, and met with friendly gestures toward

Americans. The only consciousness of color came in Lucerne, Switzerland, when they were at a loss to understand the absorbed interest of a group of children. This was explained, however, by an embarrassed teacher, who said that the children had just been studying about Negroes and had never before seen one.

## China

The farthest glimpse of world horizons came with the talk of Miss Ellen J. Peterson, returned missionary from China, who has just joined the Spelman staff as housemother. She told a moving tale of devoted missionaries in Hangchow carrying on a vast relief work in a school which had to be closed with the coming of the Japanese. Of 3,000 children being fed one meal a day; of 2,000 adults receiving food; of thousands more crowding in and being taken care of somehow; of 5,000 garments made from cloth contributed by friends in China and friends in America; and of the heart-breaking time when at the demand of the Japanese all relief work had to be stopped. Even more heart-breaking was the immediate arrival thereafter of abundant food from America, which could be used only by the missionaries personally or sold.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Word has just been received from THE INSTRUCTOR magazine that a prize was awarded to Dean Helen Rice Walker for her article, "We Traveled Through Europe With Open Minds." Excerpts are to be printed in the January issue of this national journal for teachers.

# Edwin Gerschefski

An eager interest followed the slight, erect figure as it crossed the platform and sat down at the piano. It was the beginning of another of those enjoyable visits with artists which from time to time so enrich the campus life.

Edwin Gerschefski is without question an artist. Not only is he an accomplished pianist, roaming the compliant keys with power, precision, and grace; his many versatile compositions have won prizes here and abroad, and have been performed over the great radio networks. Mr. Gerschefski is Dean of the School of Music at Converse College, South Carolina, and has toured the country for the Association of American Colleges.

His program at Spelman on November 6 covered a century of modern music, beginning with a Gottschalk number (which he called primitive), 1850, to the complicated rhythm of Bartok and the popular "Three Preludes" of Gershwin, 1950. His rendition of MacDowell was particularly artistic and the playing of his own turbulent "Two Preludes" won much applause from the enthusiastic audience.

Although Mr. Gerschefski characterized the fourth section as "coming to the entertainment part," his hearers were abundantly entertained from beginning to end, not a small part of the "entertainment" being

contributed by the informative, often ironic or amusing comments accompanying each number. As an encore, he played his own tinkling "Concert Minuet."

The program included: Marche des Gibaros, Gottschalk; Prelude, Chorale, and Fugue, Franck; Fourth Sonata, Op. 59 (Keltic), MacDowell; Three Etudes, Op. 42, Nos. 5, 4, 7, Scriabine; Two Dances, Schillinger; Two Preludes, Gerschefski; Four Dances in Bulgarian Rhythm, Bartok; and Three Preludes, Gershwin.

The following morning, November 7, Mr. Gerschefski appeared at the chapel service and acknowledged gracefully the appreciative response accorded his efforts on the preceding evening; saying that it was a privilege to play to people who demonstrated such a real interest in music.

At this time, he charmed faculty and students alike with his friendly manner and informal program, beginning with Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata, his love for which was apparent in the perfection of the soft, rippling notes. His second number was Chopin, A Minor. Then he told the inside story of a piece prepared to meet the requirements of a contest asking for a 12 to 15-minute composition on a romantic episode in New England history. Linking together four of his compositions meeting the time limit, he cast about

for an "episode" and found it in the local agitation against the plans of a hydraulic company to utilize an anemic river flowing through a certain town. It was the second movement of this composition—which, by the way, won him Honorable Mention—which he played in chapel, to tumultuous applause.

At Miss Read's request, Mr. Gerschefski told, with the humor that is so inherent in him, of his family. A sixteen year old daughter plays the violin and 'cello, another daughter eight years old performs on the piano and the 'cello, a son of fourteen is an expert on the saxophone and plays the piano, and two little boys of four and five furnish the disturbing element in his life—accompanying him, at either end of

the piano, as he practices.

At the close of the service it was announced that Mr. Gerschefski would attend a 2:45 class in the Blue Room, and would then play and tell something of the ballad he made up from a *Time* magazine story and set to music—"Half Moon Mountain".

It was heard by 15,000 music lovers at the Annual Spartanburg Music Festival on April 30, 1948, as played by a symphony orchestra and chorus of 70 voices, and later broadcast. This session with Mr. Gerschefski was a real treat for all present. This is his third visit to the campus, and the hope is unanimous that it will be followed by many more.

*Charter Day*

*Convocation*

*Kemper Harreld*

*at the Organ*



# Campus Notes

## PRIZES AND AWARDS, JUNE 1950

*(Continued from August Issue)*

The Loyalty Fund full tuition Scholarship of \$200, presented by the Alumnae Association, went to Barbara Jean Ingram, '52, of Dublin, Georgia.

The special Jerome Award for Creative Achievement, \$50, went to Jean Marie Shy, '52, of Cleveland, Ohio.

The Seymour Finney Prize of \$15 was won by Agatha Alfreida Jones, '50, of Fitzgerald, Georgia, who also won the Alma A. Oakes Memorial Award of \$5.

The Lewis Science Prize of \$25 was awarded to Anna Louise Whittaker, '50, of Atlanta.

Mary Lue Ball, '50, of Atlanta, received the Mary E. Simmons Prize of \$20, and also the special P. James Bryant Memorial Award of \$5.

The Lucinda Hayes Scripture Recitation Prize of \$20 and the Chamberlin Scripture Reading Prize of \$10 were awarded respectively to Cora Langston, of The Bronx, New York, and Rosalie Raglin of Atlanta, both of '53.

Joy Faye Moreland, '51, of Galena Park, Texas, was the winner of the Lucy Upton Prize of \$12, endowed by the Spelman Graduates Club of Atlanta.

The Eula L. Eagleson Prize of \$5 went to Martha Ethel Robinson, '50, of Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Biology Club Identification Awards were won by Barbara Jean Ingram of Dublin, Georgia, and Greta Ruth Wright, of Atlanta, both of '52.

A special prize of \$15 was given by the faculty and staff to Louise Johnson, '50, of Detroit, Michigan.

Still to be awarded are the May Sherer MacGregor Prize of \$100 and the Adams-Hamilton Award of \$10 from the class of '48, both open to the freshman class of last year.

## FRESHMAN WEEK

Newcomers to the campus found plenty to do during Freshman Week. Aside from the examinations—medical, reading, psychological, and general—there were many activities progressively more pleasant. There was the visit to the library, the rehearsals of college songs, the outdoor games and scavenger hunt, the glee club try-outs, the community sing and square dancing, the tour of campuses and community by bus and the picnic supper on Morgan lawn, the Freshman Tea, the YWCA party, and the Morehouse-Spelman Freshman party! All leading up to Wednesday with "Classes meet according to schedule beginning at 8:40 a.m."

## ATHLETIC AWARDS

The Class of 1953 has earned the right to have its name inscribed on the Basketball Trophy, by winning the Basketball Tournament for the year 1949-50. In the absence of the captain, Mary Jane Robinson, the trophy was presented to the class president, Mary McKinney. The following players were awarded the numerals "53":

Ruth Harvey, Miriam Huggins, Mildred Howell, Alta Jones, Mable Lumpkin, Mary McKinney, Ruth McKinney, Mary Jane Robinson, Mamie Seymour, Evelyn Warren.

Letters were awarded to members of the senior class possessing skill in sports and demonstration in play sportsmanship of high quality, as follows: Mary Ball, Alma Blanton, Jacqueline Creed, Jane Hunter, Louise Johnson, Dorothy Little, Johnnie Lumpkin, Florine Parker, Georgia Stroud, Janet Talley, Verna Turner.

## HALOWEEN PARTY

Halloween Party Saturday night, October 28, of Spelman students in Giles Hall was gay, colorful, scary and noisy. What more could one ask? In other words, the party was a success from start to finish, and the occasional screams were most convincing.

## TALENT-PLUS

The Annual "Y" Talent Show in Howe Hall on November 4 was well named. It was a fine, lively, rollicking performance, which began right on time and didn't consume too much.

## ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF NEGRO LIFE AND HISTORY

The 35th Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History was held in Atlanta October 27, 28, and 29, 1950, all the institutions of the Atlanta University Center participating.

The first meeting was held in Sisters Chapel of Spelman College, October 27, in commemoration of Carter G. Woodson, President Florence M. Read presiding. Other meetings were held in Davage Auditorium, Clark College, on "Aspects of Military History;" Fountain Hall, Morris Brown College, on "Mass Movements and Leaders;" Trevor Arnett Library, of Atlanta University, on "Expanding and Improving Research;" in the new YWCA Building on Tatnall Street, on "The Teaching of Negro History;" and a Business and Organization session for members only in Trevor Arnett Library. At noon, October 28, a luncheon was given honoring Miss Gwendolyn Brooks, author and Pulitzer Prize winner. The final meeting was held in the Wheat Street Baptist Church, President Rufus E. Clement presiding, the subject being "Social Organization and Progress."

## ALLAN DAVIS

On Tuesday, October 31, at Spelman College, Allan Davis, producer and director of the Old Vic Company of Bristol, England, who was in Atlanta visiting professional and non-professional theatre groups, met with the University Players, dramatic organization of Atlanta University, Morehouse College and Spelman College, for a discussion of phases of theatre activity.

Preceding this meeting in Howe Memorial Hall, Mr. Davis was presented at the college assembly in Sisters Chapel where he spoke on the history and program of the Old Vic Theatre.

In a comparison of college dramatics in England with those in the United States, Mr. Davis stated that "in England, college dramatics are considered an extra-curricular activity, whereas in the United States they are usually included in the curricula." Mr. Davis also mentioned that in his opinion the greatest difference between the British and American theatre is that there are more professional groups in England while in the United States there seems to be more participation in civic and community theatres.

Mr. Davis is visiting theatre groups in a number of the larger cities of the country. His survey is under the sponsorship of the Institute of International Education.

## SPELMAN GRADUATES RECEIVE A.U. DEGREES IN 1950

The following Spelman graduates received degrees from Atlanta University at the Commencement on June fifth:

## MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

Nina Ida Bailey, B.S. C'41, Hilda Grimes Derrett, A.B. C'42, Mary Lowe Jones, A.B. C'47, Mattie Belle Harper Long, A.B. C'25.

## MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

Eunice Ray Freeman Benton, A.B. C'39, Elizabeth Garnetta King, A.B. C'43.

The following Spelman graduates received degrees from Atlanta University at the Summer Convocation, August tenth:

Master of Arts in French, Mary Stamper Hicks, A.B. C'41

Master of Arts in History, Lucile Palmer Briscoe, A.B. C'35

Master of Arts in Sociology, Mary Willie Johnson, A.B. C'49

Bachelor of Science in Library Service, Olivia Warmesley Black, A.B. C'35

## MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

Lillian Peck Campbell, A.B. C'31, Roseland Frances Days, A.B. C'36, Jamie Gaither Martin, A.B. C'32.

## ATLANTA UNIVERSITY SUMMER CONVOCATION

Dr. Ira De A. Reid, chairman of the department of social sciences at Haverford College, speaking at the Summer Convocation of Atlanta University held in Sale Hall on August 10, urged graduates to participate in the life of their communities in order to succor a world "bewitched, bothered and bewildered." He outlined three great present-day crises: 1. the crisis of the absolutes (religion, self and the state); 2. the crisis in the field of human relations; 3. the crisis of intellectual man. He concluded by urging graduates to reinterpret religion, art and the sciences in order to raise the level of the South and of the nation.

At the close of Dr. Reid's address, Dr. Rufus E. Clement awarded degrees to 99 persons.

## VAN GOGH

Through the courtesy of Modern Art Films and Mr. Arthur D. Sherrod, of the department of art of Clark College, Spelman faculty and students were privileged on November first to view a number of the works of Vincent Van Gogh, Dutch artist, greatest of the moderns. Before the pictures were thrown on the screen, Miss Austella Walden, of the art department, spoke briefly of the artist and his short, unhappy life. The collection, besides showing some of the more popular paintings, contains also many less widely known. Even without the riotous color so characteristic of Van Gogh, these reproductions are most arresting. Van Gogh, more than any other artist, painted himself, his background, and his inner torments on his canvas, and this collection follows through almost step by step to the tragic close of madness and suicide.

## ALUMNAE AT "Y" DEDICATION

*Phyllis Wheatley Branch*

A number of Spelman alumnae participated in the program of formal dedication of the new building of the Phyllis Wheatley Branch of the Young Women's Christian Association of Atlanta, which beginning on September 17, 1950, extended through Dedication Week. Mrs. Florence Hogan C'31, and Miss Rebecca Jackson, C'48, furnished music on Wednesday evening, and Mrs. Geneva Moton Haugabrooks ex-student, gave a greeting. Mrs. Cora Douthard Smith, C'33, was listed as a program director, Camp and Health Education, and the name of Mrs. Gurlie P. Greene, C'36, was on the program as a past executive director.

# Vesper Speakers

*September 24*

President Rufus E. Clement, of Atlanta University.

*October 1*

Dr. Harrison McMains, pastor of the First Christian Church.

*October 8*

Dr. John L. Waldrop, pastor of West End Baptist Church.

*October 15*

Reverend L. M. Tobin, pastor of Providence Baptist Church.

*October 22*

Dr. Forrest C. Weir, Southeastern Director of

the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

*October 29*

Reverend Harry V. Richardson, president of Gammon Theological Seminary.

*November 5*

Vesper Service and Laying of Cornerstone of Spelman College Health and Recreation Building.

*November 12*

Reverend John R. Brokhoff, pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer.

# Visitors

Cyril Bibby, University of London.

Miss Hannah Bemker-Coker, Principal, Freetown Seminary School for Girls, Sierra Leone.

Mr. J. H. Bohannon, Carver Vocational School, Atlanta.

Brigadier General William E. Brougher, Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. Richard P. Fowler, Oberlin, Ohio.

Mr. Edwin Gerschefski, Dean of the School of Music, Converse College, Spartanburg, South Carolina.

The Honorable William B. Hartsfield, Mayor of Atlanta.

Dr. Akhtar Husain, Ministry of Education, Pakistan Government, Karachi.

President Charles S. Johnson, of Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee.

Dr. Rayford W. Logan, Director of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History.

Attorney Louis R. Mehlinger, Secretary-Treasurer of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History.

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Norman, Leonia, New Jersey.

Miss Bazoline E. Usher, Supervisor of Colored Schools, Atlanta.

President Charles H. Wesley, of Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio.

Miss Erika Winup, San Francisco, California.

# Faculty Notes

## New Appointments

Spelman College is indeed fortunate to find so able and competent a person as Miss Gladys E. Webber to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Miss Viola L. Jensen as Registrar.

Miss Webber received her A.B. degree from Boston University College of Liberal Arts and her M.A. from Radcliffe College, and did graduate study at Radcliffe and the University of Colorado. She is now a candidate for the Ph.D. degree from the University of Colorado.

Miss Webber's business experience covers work in the florist business and as district accountant in Kansas City, Missouri; as secretary in the chemistry department and in the Registrar's and Dean's Offices of Boston University; one summer as secretary to the Summer School Director of Harvard University. She has had teaching experience covering approximately nineteen years—at Colby Junior College, New Hampshire (head of history department); at Florida State University in Tallahassee (summer); at the University of Wisconsin Extension Centers in Sheboygan; and at the University of Illinois, Galesburg Division. In 1944-45, she took time out to be Educational Counselor to the U. S. Armed Forces Institute in Madison, Wisconsin, and in 1949-50 she was Registrar and Associate Professor of History at Central College, Pella, Iowa.

Miss Webber has also widened her background by travel in Europe and Mexico.

Two persons returning to the faculty of Spelman are Mr. Baldwin W. Burroughs, director of Drama and Speech, who taught at Spelman in 1942-43, for six years was connected with the Atlanta University Summer Theater as director or participant, and has helped to produce some of the most important plays given by the University Players; and Mrs. Irene Dobbs Jackson, A.B. '29, as instructor of French. In 1929 Miss Dobbs taught French in the Spelman High School, and in 1930-32 she taught French and Music at Spelman College.

Newcomers to the College faculty are Miss Carolyn Goodman, Dance; Mrs. Grace Jason Perry, department of Education; and Mrs. Freddie Scarborough Henderson, Home Economics.

Miss Goodman received her A.B. from the University of Georgia in 1950, where she was one of five candidates for valedictorian of her class and received the Sigma Delta Chi scholarship award. She is also a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Mrs. Perry completed undergraduate work in Natural and Social Sciences at Hampton Institute and received the M.A. degree in Education at Northwestern University, specializing in Personnel and Guidance. She has taught for several years; was Dean of Women at Barber Scotia Junior College, Concord, North Carolina; and Personnel Worker at Hampton Institute for two five-year periods. She is a native of Puerto Rico.

Mrs. Henderson received the B.S. degree in Home Economics cum laude from Southern University, Scotlandville, Louisiana, and the M.S. degree in Fashion Merchandising from the New York University of Retailing. She has also taken courses at the McDowell School of Design and the Traphagan School of Design, New York City. She has been instructor in Clothing at the Webster High School in Minden, Louisiana, and part-time Instructor in Clothing in the Atlanta public school system. For two summers she was Home Economist for the Washington Home Makers Kitchen in New Orleans, has been Statistical Clerk for the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in Atlanta, and for five years has operated her own Custom Designing and Dressmaking business. She is president of the National Association of Fashion and Accessory Designers, and also president of the local chapter.

In the Nursery School, Miss Florence Thorp is again director, and is assisted by Mrs. Dorothy Eberhardt Neal, C'40, and Mrs. Mildred Fisher Doty, HS '25. Both have Master's degrees from Atlanta University specializing in pre-school education. New teachers this year are Mrs. Helene Bryant Westerfield, Spelman A.B. '42, B.S. Simmons College, M.S. Simmons School of Social Work (Medical); and Miss Anna M. Maxwell of the class of 1950. Miss Maxwell has been student assistant at the Nursery School for 4½ years.

The new superintendent of MacVicar Hospital is Mrs. Catherine Thaniel Ammons, of Baltimore, Maryland. Mrs. Ammons holds a diploma from Freedman's Hospital, Washington, D. C., has done graduate study at St. John's University in Brooklyn, New York, and has had experience as a staff nurse in King's County Hospital and Kingston Avenue Hospital, Brooklyn, New York; and McLendon Medical Clinic, Metropolitan Nurse Service, and Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta.

On the College staff also there was a place difficult to fill caused by the retirement of Miss Helen Yeomans as Dietitian, after 19 years of service. Again, fortunately, there was someone tailored for the job—Miss Minnie M. Felton, Spelman B.S. '38, who has held the position of Assistant Dietitian since 1945.

Stepping into Miss Felton's position as Assistant Dietitian, is Mrs. Alice Lomax Duncan, who after receiving her B.S. degree from Spelman in 1934, received her M.S. from Teachers College, Columbia University. She became a teacher on leaving Spelman—for two years in Atlanta, at Booker T. Washington High School and David T. Howard Junior High School. For the past three years, she has been employed at Saks Fifth Avenue, New York.

The staff includes three new housemothers as follows:

Mrs. Ruth McCree Gentry, H.S. '20, comes back to Spelman from a position as assistant cashier with the Chicago Housing Authority.

Miss Clarissa Allen Hewey, graduate of Gordon College of Theology and Missions, and of the New England Hospital for Women and Children, Boston, Massachusetts, with special courses in Boston and Providence City Hospitals, and language study at the University of Nanking, has been a missionary in East China under the Baptist Board. She has done administrative work and teaching in Nursing, and private duty Nursing.

Miss Ellen J. Peterson, of Quincy, Massachusetts, B.A. Phi Beta Kappa and honorary M.A., Colby College; M.A. Teachers College, Columbia University, was for thirty-six years missionary in East China teaching English and doing evangelistic work, and for ten years principal of the Union Girls' School in Hangchow, China. During the past year of her retirement, she has been traveling in Holland and Sweden.

On Sunday, October first, President and Mrs. Rufus E. Clement were at home to the Faculties and Staffs of the Atlanta University Center. As always, they entertained with charm, and a more or less formal occasion was invested with friendliness as old campus cronies got together again and newcomers were drawn into the circle. The warm sunshine made the wide porch an added attraction.

## Faculty News

On Sunday, October 15, which was Scholarship Day for West Virginia State College, President Read addressed the students of that institution on "The Lures and the Realities of Education." Later, there was a reception at which Miss Read was the guest of honor.

While Mrs. Ernestine Erskine Brazeal, C'28, was on vacation in Chicago, she had a talk with Mrs. Naomi Hayman Ross, ex-faculty member of Spelman in the music department, who is now living at 2422 Jefferson Street, Gary, Indiana. She is the mother of two children, a girl and a boy, and teaches music at the Roosevelt High School in Gary.

Miss Minnie Felton, C'38, who also spent her vacation in Chicago, and returned to Atlanta in July, was forced to be absent for a month because of illness culminating in an operation. She is now recuperating, and has taken up her new duties as dietitian and director of the boarding department, succeeding Miss Helen Yeomans.

Miss Viola L. Jenson is now in Hawaii visiting her sister.

Miss Coragreen Johnstone is on study leave, continuing her work at the University of Michigan for another year.

Miss Elizabeth Jane Lipford, C'42, began service in October with the Veterans Administration at Tuskegee, Alabama.

Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson Macomson, C'36, spent the summer in New York city with her husband, who is studying at New York University for the degree of M.B.A., majoring in accounting and management.

Miss M. Lynette Saine, C'40, received on September 1, 1950, from the University of Chicago the Ph.D. degree in Education.

Miss Gladys E. Webber, newly appointed Registrar, went to Washington, D. C., the first week in November for the Registrars Workshop held at Howard University in connection with the annual meeting of the Association of Deans and Registrars in Negro Schools.

Miss Helen Yeomans, who for 19 years has been Dietitian and Director of the Boarding Department of Spelman College, retired this summer, but on request she returned in September for six more weeks on the job, to fill in while Miss Felton was in the hospital. Miss Yeomans' many friends on the campus will miss her, but all wish her well as she takes the long rest to which she is so abundantly entitled. At present she is living in Hollywood, Florida, where she owns a cottage.

# Calendar

September 13-20

Freshman Week.

September 18-19

Registration in University Library.

September 20

The speaker at the first chapel service of the year 1950-51 was Mrs. Julia Pate Borders, C'29, who spoke of her early days as a Spelman student. She compared the life of a student to a flour mill, and said that one must "go through the mill" to come out a finished and perfect product.

September 21

Miss Read spoke in chapel of the value of time, of which everyone has the same amount. She suggested that students follow the example of Benjamin Franklin, who wrote down in a book twelve virtues to govern his life, and regularly checked his ratings.

September 22

Miss Dolores Jones, president of the class of 1950, spoke in chapel on the values of education, moral and academic, in relation to the survival of our American democracy, mentioning an article by Dorothy Thompson, on "Crisis of American Education" in a recent issue of the *Ladies Home Journal*. Miss Jones was leaving immediately for Smith College, where she is to have a year of graduate study under a grant from the General Education Board.

September 25

Rev. L. M. Tobin, of the Morehouse School of Religion, referred in chapel to a book called "The Mature Mind", by Dr. Harry Overstreet. He advised students to develop mature minds, and carry imagination along with education—to see all that others have seen, then see what no other man has seen before and do something about it.

September 26

Miss Rebecca Jackson, C'48, delighted the chapel audience with piano selections from Handel, Liszt and Chopin.

September 27

Miss Read read in chapel excerpts from letters from two Spelman graduates now on foreign soil—Ellen Barnette, C'47, who is teaching in a mission school in India, and Gloria Starks, C'43, who is an army hostess on the island of Okinawa.

September 28

At the chapel service, Fannie Gilbert, C'52, told of her experience during the summer with a youth organization in Minnesota.

September 29

Miss Ellen J. Peterson, new housemother at Morehouse North, introduced a young Chinese friend, Leonard Bao, who compared Chinese and American concepts of education, moral and spiritual.

October 3

Miss Read spoke in chapel of Max Brauer—Burgomeister of Hamburg, Germany—the march on his home in Hamburg, by the Communists on Sunday, October 1, 1950, and of some of his experiences before World War II. Mr. Brauer was twice a speaker at Spelman several years ago.

October 4

Mrs. Myrtle Bowers Davis, C'42, told in chapel of her trip into Mexico in late August and September, with her husband and two friends.

October 5

Mrs. Isabelle McIntyre Tobin, C'45, speaking in chapel, brought greetings from the Atlanta Spelman Club, as its new president. Mrs. Tobin told of four weeks spent in a work camp in London, England, this summer after a month of travel through France, Belgium and Italy.

First meeting of Spelman Students Association in Howe Hall.

October 6

Mr. Jesse O. Thomas, Public Relations Consultant of the American Red Cross, spoke in chapel. He had visited recently Red Cross installations in Great Britain, France, Belgium, and Italy. His message was that in these times Spelman women, and all women, should abandon a defensive attitude and assume the offensive in promoting changes that will lead to interracial cooperation, international understanding and good will, and world brotherhood.

October 9

Mr. Baldwin W. Burroughs, newly appointed head of Spelman's department of speech, spoke in chapel of the development of the drama in the different countries as they became unified; and of the importance and influence of good speech, reinforced by sincerity and conviction.

October 10

Miss Read spoke in chapel of the hazards and rewards of loyalty and service in a good cause, and the necessity to believe devotedly in something.

*October 11*

Miss Georgia Poinsette, of the Spelman home economics department, told in chapel something of The Passion Play at Oberammergau, which she felt was the most unique experience of her European trip last summer.

*October 12*

Mr. Roswell F. Jackson, of the department of chemistry and physics, taking the story of Zaccheus as an illustration, spoke in chapel on handicaps and their relation to the realization of goals.

*October 13*

Miss Read spoke in chapel of the lures of education, by which students might be led away from the realities and sterling values of learning.

*October 15*

YWCA candlelight service welcoming new members in Laura Spelman Hall.

*October 16*

Atlanta University Charter Day Convocation. The speaker, President Charles S. Johnson, of Fisk University, used as his theme "maturity as the test of survival" in today's world.

*October 17*

Dean Helen Rice-Walker gave a talk in chapel on some of her experiences during her European trip of the past summer. It seems the party heard much in praise of the Marshall Plan.

*October 18*

Miss Read read in chapel several verses from poems relating to opportunity.

*October 19*

Miss Read gave in chapel some detailed suggestions on how to study to the best advantage. And with a wider application—"Study to show thyself approved unto God; a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

*October 20*

Mr. Willis Laurence James used the chapel hour for a drill in the proper singing of Negro spirituals.

*October 23*

Comparing the making of a life with the building of a house, Miss Read outlined in chapel a code of living developed by Dr. James Black, one point for each of the "seven pillars" mentioned in Proverbs 9:1. These pillars are love, truth, work, hope and courage, faith, self-control, humility.

*October 24*

Dr. William M. Boyd, of the political science department of Atlanta University, gave in chapel an inspiring talk on the United Nations, in celebration of its fifth anniversary, giving its origin and achievements, and closing with the opinion that the UN future is brighter than at any time in its history.

*October 25*

Miss Ellen J. Peterson, newly appointed house-mother at Spelman and principal for many years of an important girls' school in Hangchow, China, told in chapel a moving story of relief work on a large scale done by missionaries under Japanese occupation.

*October 26*

Miss Read spoke in chapel of education being as old as man—as exemplified by the preservation of ancient arts passed on from generation to generation, and defined education in the words of a recent visitor as "changed behavior." A man is educated if he can see his own littleness and yet retain his faith in himself; if he knows how to make friends and keep them, and above all to make friends with himself; if he can be happy alone; if he knows how to live, love, hope and pray, how to be glad to live and not afraid to die.

*October 27*

Spelman College entertained for its opening meeting in memory of Carter G. Woodson the weekend session of the 35th Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. The main speaker was President Charles H. Wesley, of Wilberforce State College, who spoke of Woodson the Scholar. Greetings were given by Mayor William B. Hartsfield, of Atlanta.

*October 28*

Halloween Party in Giles Hall under the auspices of the Spelman Student Association.

*October 30*

Miss Camilla Howard, speaking in chapel to the students of Spelman, declared emphatically that Negro young people have a future if they choose and prepare themselves for the career for which they are best fitted; if they use their ability for unselfish service; if they make obstacles and handicaps into advantages; if they have a deep and abiding faith in themselves, in others, and in God.

*October 31*

Mr. Baldwin W. Burroughs, of the department of drama, introduced in chapel Mr. Allan Davis, director of the Old Vic Theater of Bristol, England, who is making a study of professional and amateur theaters in the United States. Mr. Davis gave an interesting talk on the origin and growth of the Old Vic Theater. With Mr.

Davis on the platform were Mrs. Lila Kennedy, president of the Atlanta Civic Theater, and Mrs. Simmons, who appeared recently in Atlanta in "Tobacco Road."

#### November 1

Mrs. Grace Jason Perry, who joined the Spelman family in September in the department of Education, spoke in chapel on the theme "You can't lead where you 'aint going.'" She reminded students of the supreme importance of women's influence in the home, the church and the school, in guiding and directing future citizens in right paths. She told them to be leaders, not bosses, and inspire desire for the best by example as well as by precept.

Modern Art films showing paintings of Van Gogh in Howe Hall.

#### November 2

Miss Read outlined in chapel the program for the laying of the cornerstone on Sunday, and the historical background of the ceremony, with a list of the proposed contents. She also said that much money was yet to be raised for the gymnasium, and cited conservation of light in dormitories and classrooms as one helpful item.

#### November 3

Miss Read told in chapel of a project of Dr. D. H. Stanton, representative in this section of the American Bible Society, enlisting the services of various college groups for a handwritten copy of the entire Bible. Spelman's contribution will be the Book of Psalms, and every student may have a part in the writing.

#### November 4

Talent Show in Howe Hall, presented by the YWCA.

#### November 5

Laying of the Cornerstone of the Spelman College Gymnasium — Sisters Chapel and grounds.

#### November 6

Mr. Robert E. Cureton, head of the department of history in the Booker T. Washington High School, of Atlanta, spoke in chapel on the county unit system, the extension of which to the general elections would be voted on November 7. The Georgia type of county unit system is unique in this state. Mr. Cureton urged all students eligible to vote to cast their ballot against the county unit amendment if they are, as he is, convinced that it would retard popular government and democracy in the state of Georgia.

Piano Recital by Edwin Gerschefski in Sisters Chapel.

#### November 7

At the chapel service, Mr. Willis Laurence James, of the music department, presented Mr. Edwin Gerschefski in an informal program of piano music.

#### November 8

Miss Read read in chapel a letter from Pearl Bellinger C'48, who is now teaching in India, and told of one from Mrs. Ora Milner Horton, Spelman missionary in Africa, and said that part of the Thanksgiving offering would be sent to the missionaries.

#### November 9

University Convocation in Sisters Chapel, Brigadier General William E. Brougher, speaker.

#### November 10

Dr. Oran Wendle Eagleson, of the department of Education and Psychology, spoke in chapel on ways to improve the use of memory. After enumerating several devices which might or might not prove helpful, he made three points which he felt had proven value. 1. Be sure to have a clear first impression of the thing you want to remember. 2. Try to relate it to what you know. 3. Pin down what you want to remember by going over it in your mind.

#### November 13

Mr. Cyril Bibby, lecturer for the University of London, on the University campuses for a few days, told in chapel some of the differences between English and American universities. A point of special interest to students was that while there are a great many lectures, attendance is not compulsory, nor is there any credit system. However, final examinations are plenty stiff. Universities in England are established only by charter from the King.

#### November 14

Mrs. Freddie Scarborough Henderson, new this year in the Home Economics Department, gave a talk in chapel on clothes for college girls.

#### November 15

Miss Penelope Johnson, violinist, Miss Georgia Davis, contralto, and Mr. Herbert Wyatt, pianist, of the Eva Jessye Choir, presented a fine program of music at the chapel service. This Choir is sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary, Atlanta Branch, of the NAACP.

# Alumnae News

## AMONG THE CLUBS

A letter from a member of the Atlanta University faculty, Mrs. Lucy Clemmons Grigsby, brought news from Western New York, as follows:

"I thought you might like to know this. I had the pleasure of attending a Spelman meeting in Buffalo this summer! The group was entertaining a visiting graduate and was kind enough to invite me too." The evening was enlivened by the presence of Dr. Benjamin F. Bullock, Jr., wearing his new degree in dentistry.

While in Chicago on vacation, Mrs. Ernestine Erskine Brazeal, of the Alumnae office, attended a call meeting of the Chicago Spelman Club held at the home of the president, Miss Ernestine May, in August. Present were Mrs. Minnie Pulliam Amey, Mrs. Charlotte Jones Turner, Miss Ruth Ketchum, Mrs. Lois Davenport Fambro (western area vice-president), and Mrs. Eunice Roberts Pardue. Mrs. Brazeal brought the club up to date on the progress of the gymnasium, and asked for help in checking Chicago addresses. The members were most cooperative.

Send in items about your club for this section.

## HS '88

In placing her subscription for the Messenger for 1950-51, Mrs. Selena Sloan Butler writes:

"... I always enjoy the Messenger, every word; especially the Alumnae News. I am still calling Atlanta (20 Boulevard, N. E.) home; in Los Angeles (2228 West Adams Boulevard) I live with my son, Dr. H. R. Butler, Jr., and his wife. I still find joy and great pleasure in working with my pet activities of more than 25 years—the YWCA and the Parent-Teacher Association. I enjoy my volunteer work with the Woodlawn Branch YWCA; it gives me valuable contact with the young women and girls of this generation.

May 22-24, I was Convention guest of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers which met in Long Beach, California. At this convention I had the honor of representing our National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers. I find consolation and satisfaction in serving as Deaconess in my Church of Christian Fellowship (Congregational), an interracial church with a white pastor and a colored pastor. We all work together (different races) in Christian fellowship. I am a member of the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles and find the work stimulating. Life out here is most interesting."

## TR SCH FOR NURSES '91

A thrill came to Spelman on November 2d in the person of Mrs. Lucy E. Kelley Richards, who has been a long time away from the campus. She took home with her to New Orleans (2635 Roberts Street) copies of the Address List and The Messenger, for which she placed a subscription. "I told my daughter," said Mrs. Richards, "that I wished I could hear from Spelman, and she asked if there wasn't a paper, or something, gotten out by the College. 'Why, of course,' I answered, 'they used to get out The Messenger. Maybe I could subscribe to it.'" Mrs. Richards has six children, all graduates of Dillard. The oldest son and daughter are high and elementary teachers in New Orleans, where the middle son is a mail clerk and one of the daughters is a dressmaker. Another daughter teaches in Rust College, Mississippi, and the youngest son, with an M.A. and Ph.D., is teaching in Texas State University for Negroes, in Houston, Texas. Mrs. Richards was sorry she could not stay in Atlanta for the laying of the cornerstone on November 5.

## HS '93

In sending in her subscription to the Messenger for 1950-51, Hattie F. Bryant (Mrs. Charles N. Hampton) wrote: "I am retired and living with my daughter." Her address is 2029 West 29th Street, Los Angeles 7, California.

## MT '93

The friends of Mrs. Victoria Maddox Simons have been greatly concerned over her illness in the hospital with a serious operation. The operation was successful and she is now at home and, we hope, well on the way to recovery. She would no doubt appreciate letters. Her address is 990 Ashby Grove, S. W., Atlanta.

## NT '10

Alma Lawrence is working in the Chicago Convalescent Home, Department of Welfare, located at 51st St. and Vincennes Avenue, Chicago. This home receives convalescent patients from several hospitals, among them the Presbyterian Hospital and St. Luke's.

## HS '13

Mrs. Charlotte Jones Turner is active in church and social clubs in Chicago, Illinois. Her address is 4319 Forestville Avenue.

## M '14

Mrs. Beatrice Lee Norwood, whose name has been lost from alumnae lists for fourteen years, has been located in Florida A & M College, Tallahassee. She is assistant supervisor of the Polkinghorne Village.

## NT '14

Mrs. Rosa Armstrong Evans, after many years of service as a nurse, is now a housewife and living in Chicago. Her address is 4745 Vincennes Avenue. Mrs. Evans was helpful in furnishing Mrs. Brazeal of the Alumnae Office with up-to-date addresses.

Alice J. Moore, who has for some time been lost from the alumnae list, is now Mrs. Mathews and lives in Chicago.

## TPC '14

Lena L. Jones (Mrs. George W. Parks) is teaching in the public school system of Chicago.

## NT '15

Olivette Dougans (Mrs. W. E. Rogers) is living at 5734 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

## HS '16

Mrs. Olivia Dickerson Kennedy is lady attendant in the Kennedy Undertaking Establishment, in Chicago, her address being 2942 Wentworth Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. Ella Washington Freeman is assistant dean in the General Baptist Convention of the State of Illinois, and teaches religious leadership classes for the Convention throughout the state. Mrs. Freeman is the mother of Dr. Lelabelle Christine Freeman, C'44, and Attorney Evelyn Freeman Johnson, ex-student.

## TPC '16

Mrs. Inez Brockway Brewer, who earned the Ph.B. in 1934 and the M.S. in art and related arts in 1940 at the University of Chicago, is now teaching art in the Roosevelt High School of Gary, Indiana, her home address being 2143 Broadway. During World War II, Mrs. Brewer was active in many types of defense work on the home front. At the present time she does a great deal of civic work and is active in many organizations. She is Vice-President of the National Association of College Women; a member of the National Association of University Women; a worker with the League of Women Voters of Gary, and has been city-wide treasurer of that organization; and a member of and at one time president of Anselm Women, a nationwide intercultural organization made up of members of many races, the purpose of which is to create good will in the community.

## HS '17

It had been many years since we had heard from Miss M. Estelle Jackson, so that we were doubly glad to receive an interesting letter from her along with her subscription to The Messenger, from which we quote:

"It would be a story much too long to tell about my life and work for the past five or six years, since my time has been divided between

keeping house for my aged father (88 years) in our old home in Georgia and earning support for myself and him in part. However, for the school year . . . ending June 15, 1950, I was cafeteria manager at the Brown Junior High School, Washington, D. C. There were more than 1000 students in this school and it was a *must* for each student to buy his or her lunch in the cafeteria.

Each summer for the past five seasons I have worked in Saratoga Springs, New York, at one of the largest hotels in the state. I am writing you now from this beautiful resort city.

My father's health has been failing rapidly in the last year. Due to the fact that I have not been home with him for more than a year, the longest I have stayed away for several years, I must go home for a month or so at the close of the season here, about September 9. Therefore I suggest that all mail to me be mailed there—R. 2, Box 63, Farmington, Georgia . . . My health seems good and I find life worth living in many ways.

## TPC '19

Mrs. Isabelle Tolbert Smith expects to have published in the near future a volume of poetry, entitled "Life Lines," proceeds from the sale of which will be used in church work. She writes: "I am receiving excellent support and cooperation from both races."

## HS '20

Mrs. Ruth McCree Gentry, who has been assistant cashier at the Altgeld Garden Project of the Chicago Housing Authority, began work as Housemother at Spelman College in September.

## HS '19

Mrs. M. Mae Holley Johnson writes: "The last Spelman Messenger reminded me of my promise: find enclosed another Loyalty Fund check for \$25.00. As Thanksgiving approaches, again gratitude fills my heart for Spelman's training."

## TPC '21

The Atlanta World for July 2, 1950, stated that Miss Willie Verdelle Day "will be a member of the New York University Human Relations Workshop this summer." On August 26th, Miss Day was married to Buster Martin and they are now at home at 1228 Fourth Place, North, Birmingham, Alabama.

## NT '21

Corinne Hardison is working at the Municipal T. B. Hospital in Chicago, Illinois.

## HS '22

Mrs. Eula Martin Hoffman is teaching in the public school system of Chicago.

## HS '22

In the Chicago public school system also is Lula D. Reese.

## HS '24

Mercedes Hopkins, back in Germany, is now General Director of the Nuremberg Club at the Special Service Headquarters Military Post, her address being APO 696, c/o PM, New York, New York.

## NT '24

Word has reached us that Mabel Fountz is living in Detroit, Michigan, her address 1486 Philadelphia Street.

## NT '25

Janet Harmon now lives at 6610 Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and operates her own convalescent and nursing home. She is active in the Graduate Nurses Association, and is president of the Chicago Graduate Nurses Club. She is an aviatrix and has her own plane.

## HS '25

Mrs. Gertrude Emily Johnson Ketchum is director of Campbell Friendship House Nursery School in Gary, Indiana.

## HS '26

Catherine R. English, now Mrs. Barrett, is living in her home town of Evanston, Illinois.

The new head of the Department of Education at Atlanta University, Dr. Wesley John Lyda, has a Spelman wife. When here she was known as Louise McLaughlin. The Lydas are living at 588 Beckwith Street, S. W.

## C' 28

Mrs. Dorothy Roberts Simpson is teaching at the Council Training School, Normal, Alabama.

## HS '29

Isla Lucile Ward (Mrs. Charles Worthington) is a social worker in Evanston, Illinois.

## C '29

Mrs. Julia Pate Borders gave the chapel talk at the opening service of Spelman College for the year 1950-51.

## C '30

Dr. Minnie Cureton was on the Spelman campus on October 27 for the Carter G. Woodson Memorial meeting of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. Dr. Cureton is professor of history and acting head of the social science department of the Florida A & M College, Tallahassee, Florida.

The Chicago *Defender* for September 2, 1950, states that Elsie P. Edmondson is continuing for the second year at the University of Michigan, where she is scheduled to receive the degree of Ph.D. next spring.

Mrs. Evelyn Cora Green Freeman is now working at A.M. and N. College, Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

## C '31

Mrs. Frances Callier Durden, who since 1948 has been in Japan, has now returned to this country and is on the faculty of the Columbus Branch of Albany State College, which was officially opened on Friday, October 6, 1950. While in Japan, Mrs. Durden taught in the Gifu American School of Hanshu, and studied Spanish and harmony at the American Education Center in Yokohama. She also completed a course in Japanese flower arrangement at a school in Tokyo.

## C '32

Mrs. Birdie Peterson Sanders is studying this year at the School of Library Service of Atlanta University. She is living at 970 Beckwith Street, S. W., Atlanta.

Mrs. Juanita Jernigan Webb is teaching in the Chicago public school system.

## C '34

The May, 1950, issue of "The Peachtree", of the Fort Valley State College, was dedicated to Miss Lottie M. Lyons, Dean of Women, "Associate Professor of Education, Chairman of the Personnel and Social Committees, and director of the College Snack Bar, for her six years of loyal service to the Fort Valley State College, and her patient and sympathetic understanding of our student body, their problems and desires . . ."

Mrs. Ethel Lyne Alexander Washburn, now Mrs. Edward A. Hudson, is employed by the Fulton County Welfare Agency. Her address is 1340 Mitchell Street, S. W., Atlanta.

Mrs. Ann Elizabeth Madison Blackwell is now in Stanford Village, Stanford University, California, with her husband, Dr. D. H. Blackwell, who is visiting professor in the department of mathematics.

Mrs. Alice Lomax Duncan is back at Spelman this year, serving as assistant dietitian.

## C '35

Mrs. Ethelynde Armstrong Engram is Nutritionist in the Clinic of Provident Hospital, Chicago and teaching nutrition to student nurses.

Mrs. Juanita Paschal Toomer gave a stirring and thought-provoking address on "Heroines of the Commonplace" at the Woman's Day service of the First Congregational Church of Atlanta on October 22d. Mrs. Toomer has for the past six years been teacher of English at Morehouse College.

## C '36

According to the *Chicago Defender* for August 26, 1950, Mrs. Louis Shulterbrandt (Eldra Laura Monsanta), wife of the Virgin Islands finance commissioner, was to sail the following week for a month in Europe.

Genevieve J. Wheeler was Spelman's representative on the occasion of the inauguration on November 4 of Dr. George W. Gore, as president of the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College of Tallahassee, Florida. Miss Wheeler is Dean of the Division of Home Economics at A & M College.

## C '37

Erratum, August issue of Messenger: While Mrs. Clarie Collins Harvey has completed her work for the master's degree in personnel administration, it will not be awarded by Columbia University until December, 1950. She writes: "The degree will aid me in performing more effectively the function of personnel technician in business."

The new title of Mrs. Lurlene Baker Jackson is Coordinator of Adult Education, Department of Distributive Education, of the City of Atlanta and Fulton County.

## C '38

Vacationing in the Windy City this summer, Minnie Felton became engaged. The lucky man is Foster B. Jackson, of Chicago. We are sorry to report that on Miss Felton's return to the campus, she was obliged to go to the hospital for an operation. She is now on her new job as dietitian and director of the boarding department of Spelman.

Patricia McWhorter is a new member of the faculty this year at Fisk University.

A 44-unit housing project involving more than \$200,000, sponsored by Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Billings (Anitra Celestine Taylor) and financed by the Atlanta Life Insurance Company, was featured by the *Atlanta World* for October 4, 1950, which carried a picture of the Federal Housing Administration Director for the State of Georgia signing the final papers.

Sara Eloise Usher is teaching at the Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, North Carolina. On August 9, 1950, she received the degree of master of arts (dramatic art) from the State University of Iowa.

Alice E. Wilson (Mrs. Orrin Clayton Suthern) is now at Lincoln University, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Alice Holmes Washington, staff member of the *Atlanta Daily News* and Radio Station WERD, spoke at the chapel service of Morehouse College on October 17.

## C '39

Julia Frances Williams is a teacher in the Chicago public school system.

Ida Billee Wood, who is dormitory hostess at Atlanta University, is teaching physical education at Oglethorpe Laboratory School of the University. This summer she worked with the Joseph V. Baker Associates, Public Relations, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

## C '40

A letter received recently from Gladys Forde, now at Fisk University, reads as follows:

"You would have been proud had you been present at our opening University Convocation to hear the names and achievement of the new faculty members called, and to hear Spelman College mentioned so often. Joyce Cooper Bobo, Patricia McWhorter and June Dobbs were the new members, and Frances Mason Franklin and I were already there. We have quite a Spelman community, for several of the faculty wives are Spelmanites.

I was delighted to receive the address list . . . Please send another copy to me because I left mine at home with my mother, and send one to Dorothy at Provident Hospital in Chicago.

Amelia Myers, a former student at Spelman, returned to Fisk on Monday after a year's study in piano in Paris on a Fullbright Fellowship.

Please give my best regards to all the Spelman family and to Miss Jensen when you write her. I am thinking of attending Yale soon, and shall miss addressing the request for a copy of my transcript to her.

Best wishes for your continued health and good fortune."

Mrs. Franzetta Williams Durant is now in Germany with her husband, who is a Warrant Officer with the 33d Army Band. The address is APO 413-A, c/o PM New York, N. Y.

Ruth Virginia Pope, subscribing to The Messenger, writes that she was married recently to the Reverend W. R. Lovelace, and is living at 1710 Wolf Street, Brunswick, Georgia. Mrs. Lovelace is teaching at the Risley High School and is head of the social science department.

On September 1, 1950, the Ph.D. degree in Education was awarded by the University of Chicago to M. Lynette Saine, who had done special work in Reading. Dr. Saine has been connected with the Spelman department of Education since 1942, and serves as exchange teacher at Atlanta University. On Sunday, October 22, she was speaker at the Woman's Day service of the Wheat Street Baptist Church.

## C '41

Penelope Bullock is now Senior Assistant in the Detroit Public Library System.

Anita Moore, who during World War II served as a WAC, is now Mrs. Miller, and is living with her husband and little girl at 6142 South Rhodes Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Miller, also a war veteran, is studying commercial art under the G. I. Bill.

## C '42

Elizabeth Jane Lipford is now serving the Veterans Administration at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

Mrs. Helene Marian Bryant Westerfield is teaching at the Spelman Nursery School this year, and her husband is teaching in Atlanta University. They are living at 634 Beckwith Street, S. W.

## C '43

The many friends of Edith Rose Harper (Mrs. Edward Campbell King) will be grieved to learn of her death early in September in New York City.

Ernestine Marie Wallace (Mrs. Bernard Franklin Gipson) is a social worker in the Howard University Dental School. Her address is 3771 Jay Street, N. E., Washington, D. C.

## C '44

Dr. Gwendolyn Y. Cooper (Mrs. Kennesaw Manning) is now resident physician in medicine at Veterans Administration Hospital, Tuskegee, Alabama.

Dr. Lelabelle Christine Freeman passed the Illinois State Medical Board, which granted her a license to practice medicine in Illinois and in other states with which Illinois has a reciprocity agreement. She is now doing residency in Pediatrics at Provident Hospital, Chicago, Illinois.

Gwendolyn L. Harrison received in June her master of arts degree in Spanish from the University of California. This year finds her teaching Spanish at the Johnson C. Smith University.

The Calhoun County schools have a new Jeanes Supervising Teacher in the person of Virginia McGee, whose address is Edison, Georgia. She has fifteen schools—two high schools, two junior high, and eleven elementary, for which there are three nurses and forty-nine teachers.

Emma Salter (Mrs. Stanford Smith) is teaching in the Douglass Elementary School in Chicago. Her home address is 6912 South Park Avenue. Mr. Smith is a former Morehouse student.

Mrs. Bobbie Latimer Toatley is back in Atlanta, and is serving as child welfare worker with the Department of Public Welfare.

## C '45

According to the *Atlanta World*, October 9, 1950, Helene Lorine Barnett is now Executive Director of the Lincoln Heights Branch YWCA of Cincinnati, Ohio. During the summer, she attended the YWCA School for Professional Workers at Francis Shimer College in Mt. Carroll, Illinois.

In June of this year, Doris LaVerne Daniels became Mrs. James Wesley Bryant, Jr. At the wedding reception given later, two of Mrs. Bryant's classmates were present—Doris Smith, of Atlanta, and Mrs. Ernestine Latson Robinson, of Jacksonville. The newly-weds are living in Chesterfield, South Carolina, where both are members of the public school system.

Marian Kathryn Ellison was married to William Gary in March.

Mrs. Margaret Huggins Golden, visiting in Atlanta, dropped in at Spelman on the third of October. Her home address is 51 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Mrs. Isabella McIntyre Tobin, after a hurried trip through France, Belgium and Italy, spent four weeks this summer in a work camp in London, England. Mrs. Tobin told of her experiences in chapel on October 5th. The work camp was one of ten located throughout Europe and sponsored by the World Council of Churches. In the London camp there were thirty young people from eight different countries who worked hard physically and fostered international good will and Christian brotherhood. In May, 1950, Mrs. Tobin was elected president of the Atlanta Spelman Club, and was installed at the October meeting, succeeding Mrs. Florence Morrison Hogan.

## C '46

Mrs. Evelyn Dorsey Houston is employed at Talladega College in Talladega, Alabama.

Naomi Selonia Smith is now teaching in the Barber Scotia College of Concord, North Carolina.

Mrs. Joyce Cooper Bobo is teaching at Fisk University this year.

Johnnye Clyde Hogg was married in October to John Wesley Thomas, 213 Fannin Street, La Grange, Georgia.

The message below came on a card received November 1, 1950.

Cite Universitaire  
Fondation des Etats-Unis  
15 Bld Jourdan  
Paris IVe, France

I am having a wonderful time in this beautiful city. I like it very much. I am studying with a very fine teacher, and feel that I'll learn quite a bit. I'll write you all about it later.

(signed) Mattiwilda Dobbs

Note: The teacher is Pierre Bernac, outstanding French singer whom MD had heard in New York. He and Francis Poulenc, the composer, toured the USA two years ago.

Harriett Clarice Luckie (now Mrs. George W. Jackson) is working as Debit Manager of the Pilgrim Life Insurance Company of Atlanta.

#### C '47

Bertha Billye Mae Jones (now Mrs. Johnson) is living at 225 North 6th Avenue, Birmingham 4, Alabama.

Ellen Barnette continues to keep in close touch with her alma mater. Her latest chatty letter from India says that she enjoys the Spelman Messenger very much. She also writes that she is expecting Pearl Bellinger to visit her on the 17th of November, and continues—"I shall go down to the station to meet her, for stations are always so crowded here. Then, too, one cannot just go up to a person and order a taxi. Horse-drawn carriages, which we call garries, are used. So we always try to meet a person who is arriving for the first time in the mission motor."

Jeanne Willis is enrolled as a student at the Atlanta School of Social Work for the school year 1950-51.

#### C '48

Ever since graduating from Spelman, Rebecca Jackson has been studying toward a Teacher's Certificate at the Mannes Music School, in New York City. In addition, during her first year she acted as piano assistant at the Hamilton Terrace Studio with Mrs. C. C. Mann, and as accompanist in one of the violin studios of the Mannes School; did practice teaching and supervision of pupils recommended from the school; and was a part-time typist with the New York Play Schools Association.

In 1949-50, Miss Jackson did private teaching in solfege, piano, and sight reading of pupils received through Mannes' recommendations; and accompanying of voice pupils of Dr. Charles Haywood of the Juilliard Opera Extension Department and Queens College. In the summer, she was music counselor at a YWCA camp, Quannacut Senior, at Pine Bush, New York.

Also, in 1949-50 and for the 1950-51 term, she is part-time teacher at the Pleasantville Cottage School, of Pleasantville, New York. This organization is under the Jewish Child Care Association, and is an institution for boys and girls through high school age who have been removed from undesirable home situations. They live and go to school right on the Cottage School campus.

Miss Jackson is living at the International House, 500 Riverside Drive, New York 27.

Emma Jean Pratt started graduate study in September at the Atlanta School of Social Work.

On August 24, 1950 Gloria Swanson Davis was married to Abram Dent, Jr., of Walterboro, South Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen DeVaughn (Pauline Elizabeth Murphy) early in July welcomed a son to their home at 227 Twelfth Avenue, West, Birmingham, Alabama.

June Dobbs, who received in August, 1949, her master's degree in vocational guidance at Columbia University, is now at Fisk University as research assistant in a child development program and has one class in guidance. Miss Dobbs' address is 1404 North Jefferson Street, Nashville, Tennessee.

Bettye Washington is a case worker with the Family Division of the Chicago Welfare Department. Her address is 5331 Maryland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

#### C '49

A daughter, Wanda Lizette, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lief Cain (Elise Jeannine Dunn), of Atlanta, on August 8, 1950.

Jean Rosamund DeGazon is now Mrs. Edward McDonald, and is living at 192 Ashby Street, N. W., Atlanta.

Helen Dorsett is studying at the School of Library Service of Atlanta University for the second year.

Helen Cochran began in September her second year at the School of Library Service of Atlanta University.

In September, Emmalynn Jenkins was married to Robert S. Deal, a clerk in the main branch of the Gary, Indiana, post-office. Mrs. Deal is teaching in the Carver Elementary School of Gary. Their home address is 1544 Harrison Street.

Mrs. Ella Mae Gaines Yates is studying this year at the School of Library Service of Atlanta University.

In the Children's Division of the Chicago Welfare Department, Ruth Ketchum is employed as child placement worker.

A scholarship of \$500 has been awarded by the Prince Hall Masons of Georgia (of which Mr. J. W. Dobbs is Grand Master) to Marymal Morgan, for study this year at the Atlanta University School of Social Work.

Sue Pertee is studying this year at Atlanta University in the Department of English.

#### C '50

Several '50 graduates are teaching in the Atlanta public school system, including Janet Alois Bond; Eunice Goss and Carrie Evelyn Starks in the C. W. Hill Elementary School; Mary Ruth Shy in the Davis Street Elementary School; Violet Ernestine Higginbotham, an art and kindergarten teacher in the E. R. Carter Public School; and Verna Louise Turner, teaching in the Walker Street School. Georgia Mae Stroud and Anna Louise Whittaker are teaching at the Booker T. Washington High School, and Ethel Lee Minor (now Mrs. Edwin R. Milner) is supplying at the same school.

Wilma James Anderson is teaching in Louisville, Georgia.

Elsie Vivian Baker is one of the 17 teachers employed by the L. S. Ingraham High School in Sparta, Georgia. Miss Baker is teaching English and French and directing the chorus and dramatic club.

Mary Lue Ball is teaching in the Springfield School at Scott Crossing, Fulton County, Georgia.

Alma Harriet Blanton is living at home in Cordova, South Carolina, and teaching veterans four nights a week, from six to nine o'clock.

Sarah Louise Brooks is teaching English and French at the Wilcox County Training School, Miller's Ferry, Alabama.

Lillian Carter is doing advanced work in Education at Syracuse University and working as housekeeper in the city of Syracuse. Her address is 344 Buckingham Avenue.

Altoise Chenault is working in the library of one of the public schools of Cleveland, Ohio.

At present, Dorothy Marie Collins is at home in Savannah. She plans to go back to school later.

Muriel Lois Corrin has a position as secretary with the Doubleday Doran publishing house in New York city.

Jacqueline Hylda Creed is employed as a social worker and is living at home in Keyport, New Jersey.

Grace Elizabeth Diggs, Eliza Rebecca Fortson and Agatha Alfreida Jones are teaching in the High School at Fitzgerald, Georgia.

Sadye Elaine Harris became Mrs. Larry Hawkins Williams on November 18. Her husband is a minister, so that she will probably find herself amply employed.

Rosa Estelle Hendrick is serving as substitute teacher in the public school system of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Dorothy Mae Johnson is teaching in the Junior High School at Sunflower, Alabama.

Louise Johnson is working in the Therapeutic Diet Office of the Detroit Memorial Hospital as Modified Diet Supervisor. She writes that she enjoys her work and is learning, too.

Dolores Elizabeth Jones is studying at Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts, on a General Education Board fellowship. She writes: "I received the Spelman Messenger (August) and enjoyed reading it very much. I know by now you are working hard on the next issue . . . I am very happy here at Smith College. I am enjoying my work, although it is extremely time-consuming. I don't think it is hard, however. Sometimes I feel as though I am still at Spelman . . . I have made many friends since I arrived here, and all the girls are very nice. The dormitory is small, containing only 22 girls. Most of us have single rooms, and mine is nice and large and comfortable. I just hope it will be warm when the weather gets cold. So far we have had a beautiful 'Indian Summer', but I think that is gone for good now. I am going home for Christmas and I shall visit the campus."

Elizabeth Cora Lee is studying at the Atlanta University School of Library Service on a scholarship.

Dorothy Rebecca Little has become Mrs. Pierce and is teaching in Houston County, Georgia. Her husband is in the Far East.

Johnnie Crosby Lumpkin attended the Chicago Art Institute during the summer, and is now teaching at St. Augustine's College, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Anna Mary Maxwell is teaching in the Spelman Nursery School.

Dorothy Mickelbury is teaching in the Elementary School at Toccoa, Georgia.

Maurice Mitchell attended the Atlanta University Summer School and worked with the Intercollegiate Group of the YWCA in Atlanta during the summer. At the present time she is at home in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Virginia Carol Moreland spent the summer of 1950 as a playground supervisor in her home city of Springfield, Ohio. She is now in New York city and employed as a research clerk by the Consolidated Trimming Corporation. Her address is 247 West 149th Street, House 3, Apt. 4A.

Florine Theresa Parker (Mrs. Carter) is teaching first, second and third grades in Columbus, Georgia.

Leona Evans Reddick is taching 8th and 9th grade English at the Tift County Industrial High School, Tifton, Georgia.

Working in her home city of Newark, New Jersey, Pauline Riley is Head Dietitian at St. Francis Hospital.

Martha Ethel Robinson is a graduate student at Indiana University and is also teaching in the public school system of Indianapolis.

Janet Virginia Talley is teaching English and French at the Colored High School in Eatonton, Georgia.

Catherine Marguriette Wilson is a Home Demonstration Agent for Hancock County, Georgia. She has 734 club girls and 250 club women.

Maxine Marie Wilson is working as assistant in the Atlanta University Book Shop.

Clarice Mary Jetta Wyatt is studying at the School of Nursing, Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tennessee, and living in Hulda Lytle Hall.

Jeralyn Omega Young is studying in the department of political science at Atlanta University.

Dorothy Louise Zellner is teaching in the Unionville School at Macon, Georgia.

#### EX-STUDENTS

With her subscription to The Messenger, Mrs. Sallie Lancaster Arrington wrote: "... upon leaving Spelman College, I attended the Tuskegee Institute, Division of Dietetics. Upon completion of the course, I accepted work at the Alabama Industrial School for Negro Children at Mount Meigs, Alabama, in 1927 and have been serving as dietitian here ever since." Twenty-three years of ministry to the health and wellbeing of children in the same center is a beautiful record.

Mrs. Alma English Byrd, placing her subscription for The Messenger, writes: "I am keeping house for husband and two boys." She is still living at Menifee, Arkansas.

Evelyn Bailey, who is living in New York, at 172 West 130th Street, sent a two-year subscription for The Messenger, and wrote as follows: "I am at present doing the following: Secretary in the Physical Department of the Harlem Branch, YMCA; in addition I am a member of the Board of Directors of the Harlem Branch Employees Federal Credit Union; Secretary of the Thomas E. Taylor Chapter of the International Emblem Club of the Harlem Branch YMCA; Secretary of the New York District of the Union American Methodist Episcopal Church; and lastly hold the chairmanship of the Grievance Committee of the Harlem Branch YMCA." She closes with good wishes for the construction of the new gymnasium.

Mrs. Maude Womack Smith, who was at Spelman 1904-1907, has been located in Chicago at 32d Street and Ellis Avenue.

We learn from the Atlanta World, July 2, 1950, that "Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Alexander left the city (Atlanta) Tuesday evening for Bristol, Tennessee, . . . where Dr. Alexander has set up dentistry practice." When at Spelman, Mrs. Alexander was Allisha J. Thompson.

We are informed that Mildred Bruce and Sandra Walker are enrolled as student nurses at Provident Hospital, Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. Minnie Pulliam Amey, who attended Spelman 1906-1908, has been located in Chicago, where she is not only a housewife but also divisional superintendent of the Third Division (seniors and young people) of the Olivet Baptist Sunday School, and financial secretary of one of the church circles. Mrs. Amey's address is 645 East 67th Street.

Mrs. Velma King Bannerman is living in Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Marian Dickerson Brown, who was a student at Spelman 1911-1916, is now living in Chicago and carrying on her husband's business—Brown Undertaking Establishment. Her address is 4237 South Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Myrene Gray (now Lt. C. M. Gray) writes that she was detailed as of 10 October, to the Medical Service Corps and assigned to the Research and Graduate School of the Army Medical College of the Army Medical Center as an entomologist.

Marian Elizabeth Herd has been working in the administrative offices at Spelman since September. At the beginning of the second semester, she will join the student body to complete her work for the A.B. degree.

Attorney Evelyn Freeman Johnson passed the Illinois Bar examination and was sworn in January, 1950. She has been on maternity leave from her office and from the John Marshall Law School, where she was Assistant to the Registrar. The very latest news is given on a card from Mr. and Mrs. Glenn T. Johnson, with a smaller card attached: Evelyn Anita, October 1, 1950; 6 lbs. 12 oz.


Ella Peterson, now Mrs. Amos M. Flemings, lives with her husband and two children at 6215 South Langley Avenue, Chicago.

In July of this year, Dr. Jean Spurlock completed two years of residency in Neuro-Psychiatry at Cook County Hospital, Chicago, Illinois. Beginning in October, 1950, she has a fellowship at the Institute of Juvenile Research which does work in conjunction with the Medical School of the University of Illinois.

Mrs. Erma Myrick Terrill, who has been living in Chicago, has been on the campus

lately. Her address is 291 Sciple Terrace, Atlanta. Mary Willie Johnson, C'49, is Mrs. Terrill's niece.

Mrs. Geneva Haugabrooks, of Atlanta, was presented as guest speaker of the Women's Society of Rush Memorial Congregational Church on Sunday morning, October 29. On October 30 Mrs. Haugabrooks was presented in a Testimonial Roll Call meeting at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church. Mrs. Haugabrooks is the president of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Fifth District of the Georgia Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention. She is a hard worker in her church, in the YWCA, in the Federation of Women's Clubs, the Atlanta Council of Negro Women, and many other civic and religious organizations.

  
*Watch the Gymnasium Walls Rise Up*  
*Top: September*  
*Middle: October*  
*Bottom: November*

## Spelman Calling

Every brick and every steel truss thrills us—and reminds us of the need of more funds to pay for this greatly needed building.

As this issue of the *Messenger* goes into page proof, the first gift of \$1,000 from a Spelman graduate has come. Read about it in the newspapers and in the February *Messenger*. The donor is Mrs. Blanche Perdue Mitchell, TPC '19, of Birmingham.

How much will *you* give for future Spelman students?





*Upper: Spelman Students at Corner Stone Ceremony*  
*Lower: Finishing Touches by Master Mason John Brittain*

