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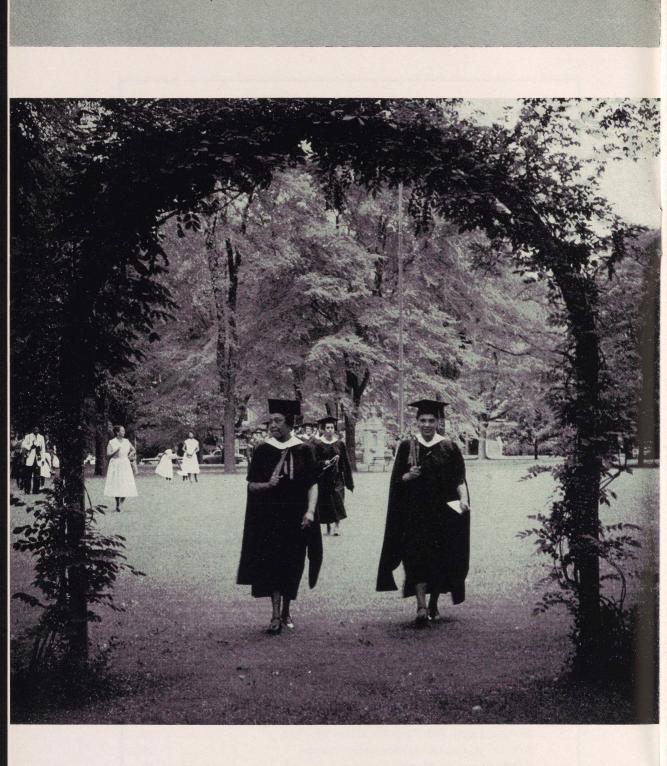
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# The Commencement Address

BY WINTHROP ROCKEFELLER

Dr. Manley, distinguished guests, members of the graduating class of 1959, I am delighted to have the opportunity of being here with you on this very happy occasion. As you may know, Spelman College has long held a special place in the hearts of the members of my family.

For some 16 years, your role has been to attend, to listen, to learn. Very soon—except for those of you who go on to graduate study—your role will be reversed. You will be embarked on your own careers and you will be giving instead of receiving.

Of course, before your diplomas are given you, you must listen to that last bit of advice known as the commencement address. A friend of mine told me that he had recently received a letter from his son at school, thanking him for his frequent parental letters but suggesting that in the future would Father please delete the "mush and good advice." I promise to eliminate the mush and, as a graduation gift to you all, I shall try to limit my good advice to that which can be contained within 20 minutes.

Your thoughts today are doubtless racing far ahead. You are thinking about the line of work you aspire to follow, or the studies you plan to pursue in graduate school, or about possibly the most important career of all-marriage. No matter where your thoughts are turning, they must be conditioned by the times in which we all live. You would be like the proverbial ostriches with heads in the sand if you did not recognize that you are leaving the more or less sheltered life of college to step into a difficult and disturbed period of race relations. While this will be particularly true for those of you who will live in the South, do not be misled into believing that this is the only region so affected. There are tensions, prejudices and discrimination in the North just as in the South although they may not be as apparent and may take different form.

For some twenty years I have been actively associated with the National Urban League, which first attracted me by its broad approach to the overall needs of tomorrow in race relations while meeting the de-

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mands of today. In all parts of the country, there is a great need for this which I approach, would call "planned progress," in fighting against discrimination. In talking of "planned progress," I am not thinking only in terms of school integration. Rather, I use it as a term for the feeling shared by most of us that we must be doing something constructive to foster equal opportunity for all people all the time.

Later on in my remarks, I will deal more specifically with how we can all work for "planned progress."

As you know from your current reading, racial tensions are in evidence in all parts of the world. These tensions and outbreaks of violence are symptomatic of the revolutionary state of the world in which we live today. Apart from the cold war between democracy and communism-but heightened by it-is the great resurgence of nationalism and anti-colonialism. To add the final fillip to this disturbed scene, we have Sputniks and Explorers, traveling endlessly on through space, beeping their warnings as man plans ever more destructive weapons.

In the face of such problems, a small minority of young people here and in other countries have declared themselves "Beat." Indeed, I see by the papers that in London at least, there is an official costume for "Beatnik" girls there! There is really nothing new about these "Beat" boys and girls. Back a few years we had

the defeated of the depression days; still further back was the now-famous "lost generation"-and so on, I feel sure, throughout history. Of course the members of each of these groups shared a common desire: they wanted an excuse for their own mediocrity or laziness. It's interesting to note, incidentally, that whenever a member of the "Beat" generation achieves some little success, he or she is immediately cast out of the order as being no longer a true disciple of defeatism. Well, maybe the world is in pretty poor shape but there never has been a time in history when everything was milk and honey and we're certainly not going to overcome today's problems by being overcome ourselves.

Because of the very enormity of the problems we face, there is a greater need and opportunity today for individual responsibility and individual thought. Even in today's automated atomic age, decisions are made by people. Whether these decisions will bring peace, better living and happiness to mankind, or war and destruction, depends in the long run upon what all of us contribute

I cannot stress too much the influence each of you can exert for good in our own lives. Some of you who go into teaching may see that influence directly reflected in your pupils; others of you will find opportunities to express yourselves in your careers. Those of you whose career is marriage and motherhood

will, through your guidance of your children, have possibly the most rewarding opportunity of all.

Here I think back to my own mother and the profound effect she had on our family. I would like to read to you excerpts from a letter she wrote to her sons, some 30 years ago. You may have heard it before, as this letter is a very precious one to my brothers and to me.

"For a long time I have had very much on my mind and heart a certain subject. Out of my experience and observation has grown the earnest conviction that one of the greatest causes of evil in the world is race hatred or race prejudice; in other words, the feeling of dislike that a person or a nation has against another person or nation without just cause, an unreasoning aversion is another way to express it. The two peoples or races who suffer most from this treatment are the Jews and the Negroes; but some people "hate" the Italians, who in turn hate the Jugoslavs, who hate the Austrians, who hate the Czecho-Slovaks, and so it goes endlessly.

"You boys are still young. No group of people has ever done you a personal injury; you have no inherited dislikes. I want to make an appeal to your sense of fair play and to beseech you to begin your lives as young men by giving the other fellow a fair chance and a square deal. . . "What I would like you always to do is what I try humbly to do myself: that is, never to say or to do anything which would wound the feelings or the self-respect of any human being, and to give special consideration to all who are in any way repressed. This is what your father does naturally from the fineness of his nature and the kindness of his heart.

"I long to have our family stand firmly for what is best and highest in life. It isn't always easy, but it is worthwhile.

#### Your Mother"

To me, that letter is very expressive of what can be done by individuals and it is through individuals that this world will be made a better place. I am optimistic enough to believe that this better world is already in process of creation despite the criers of doom.

On the domestic scene, in spite of the disheartening incidents that have been headlined from time to time, there has been very real progress in race relations in recent years. You only have to look back 25 years to see how vast an improvement has taken place. That there have been setbacks in the last five years cannot be denied, but the gains made over these same five years far outweigh the losses.

Here are just a few examples that come to mind: This year, Mrs. Charles E. White was elected to the school board of Houston, Texas—

the first Negro to hold public office in that state since Reconstruction days. In the midst of the controversy about integration of schools in North Carolina, the Urban League there has opened up jobs for Negroes in more than a dozen white collar areas. More Negroes are permanently employed in industry today than ever before in the history of this country. In addition, a growing number of states have taken legislative steps to advance equal opportunity for all and as you know, a national Civil Rights Commission has been authorized by Congress.

You can contribute to this progress by your thoughts as well as by your actions. To do this, you must know yourself. You must neither overestimate your strength nor underestimate your capacities; you must examine yourself to make sure that you are free of prejudices which you would criticize in others.

A temptation is for us to "cartoonize" people, to make composites of them. For good or for evil, white Americans after 300 years of living side by side with their Negro fellow Americans have only in the last quarter century begun really to know them. Because until recently they have dealt in stereotypes. Just within the past quarter century, the changing nature of American society has broken up the old combinations of people and forced them into new associations—during the depression and the made-work of the Federal Government, during the war when more than 12 million young men and women were drafted for military service, and during the boom years since World War II, when new job openings and new job places completely reconstructed the shape of the American labor force. Many white Americans are now getting to know Negroes for the first time and are beginning to recognize them as individuals and kindred human beings rather than as types. And, I believe, Negroes are similarly learning more about Whites.

Right here I should like to insert a personal note. Questions have been asked of me-sometimes fairly sharply—as to how I can reconcile my role as Chairman of the Arkansas Industrial Development Commission with my expressed opposition to the policies followed by the State Government in the Little Rock school situation. I do not feel there is a conflict between the two; as a citizen of Arkansas. I am dedicated to the welfare of the state, which is larger and will last longer than any individual. The Arkansas Industrial Development Commission is completely non-partisan, which is proved by the fact that I, a declared Republican, am privileged to serve on it. Not only is the A.I.D.C. non-partisan; in the three years of its existence it has operated entirely independently of politics in any form.

I am proud of the work of the Commission and I trust it will con-

tinue to strengthen the economy of the state. We recognize that a strengthened economy has always been a deterrent to discrimination. For the economy of a state, like the economy of the nation, is not for one-tenth or nine-tenths of the people. It is for *all* the people. In company with the National Urban League, I realize that economic progress is a strong factor for progress toward true equality.

With this realization as my faith, I shall continue on the Commission, seeking to increase the economic and industrial strength of the state as long as I can conscientiously feel that in so doing I am serving the people of Arkansas.

Similarly, I hope that you, particularly those of you who live in the South, will realize that you have an obligation to the community in which you live. While I certainly do not feel that you should restrict your future life to any geographical region because of a sense of duty, I do hope that wherever you live, you will sense a responsibility toward the South, where you received your higher education and where you can contribute to better understanding.

No matter where you may live after leaving college, you can play an important role in seeing that "planned progress" takes place in your own community. "Planned progress" relates to fostering healthy growth of our youth; it concerns their leisure hours as well as their

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work at school and their life at home. "Planned progress" means providing recreational facilities; it includes meeting the problem of specialized training for industry through vocational schools and courses. "Planned progress" means attacking now the problem of substandard housing which, whether Negro or white, saps the vitality of any community. "Planned progress" calls for leadership in every community to combat unhealthy environments and conditions, which lead inevitably to discordance between "Planned progress" will groups. work toward the elimination of dual educational standards.

On the subject of dual educational standards alone, let me read you some startling figures from that excellent report THE NEGRO POTEN-TIAL by Eli Ginzberg of the Conservation of Human Resources Project. In 1950, the estimated number of Negro high-school graduates was 64,800 and of college graduates was 9,400. Now if Negroes had had the same opportunities to reach the educational level of whites, the estimated number of high school graduates would have jumped from 64,800 to 157,800 and of college graduates from 9,400 to 23,200. In the nine years since this projection Negro college enrollment has increased to approximately 100,000 but still less than 16,000 will graduate and I feel safe in saying that this figure would read very differently were educational levels equal. In the words of Mr. Ginzberg:

"If economic integration is to succeed, special efforts must be made to reduce as rapidly as possible, and eventually to eliminate, the differences between white and Negro education."

You, as graduates of Spelman College, are beneficiaries of an excellent education. As such you have an unusual opportunity not only to advance yourselves but to help others. By reaching out and taking someone with you, sharing your ideas and your ideals with others, you will be participating in "planned progress."

I wonder if you realize how many thousands of Negro women college graduates have been opening doors of opportunity for you? Some of these were "pilots," a name given them by the National Urban League. Because of their skill, technical and professional training, they were placed by the Urban League in jobs fitting their qualifications, and because of their skills and endeavors they succeeded in opening the minds of many top industrial men to the sound policy of merit hiring.

I hope you know that the National Urban League is particularly desirous of helping trained young people to find jobs and thus to become "pilots." You will always find in the League a sympathetic mind and a friendly hand to help you. As examples of its work on your behalf I need mention only the League's Annual Vocational Opportunity Campaign; its continuing series of college career conferences; and its new activity called "Tomorrow's Scientists and Technicians," which is a program to seek out and guide minority youth of exceptional talents who might otherwise waste their abilities.

Many of you will become "pilots" on your own. That is, you will get employment in professions, businesses or industries previously closed to Negroes, and by excelling in your work and adjustment, lead the way for other skilled young people to follow.

As you take up your residences, you will learn to evaluate your community resources. For in all sections of the country there are volunteer agencies or service organizations, such as Community Chests, the Red Cross, Parent-Teacher Associations, the American Association of University Women, and your own alumnae association chapters. Some of these, particularly those that incorporate to a greater or lesser degree the philosophy of "planned progress," you will find rewarding to join. However, I suggest that you study your community first and see what group or groups appeal to you most and seem most effective; join only when you are convinced that the work of a particular group is good and that you can contribute to that work. I might add that it was because I was convinced that its work was good and in a field in which I was interested that I joined the National Urban League.

The contributions that you make to "planned progress," as individuals, as partners in your family groups, as members of organizations, and as citizens of your communities, will have an influence far beyond that which is apparent. Thus you will do well to keep in mind the aims and ideals taught so well here at Spelman:

"Attitude toward life is considered of more importance than the mere acquisition of knowledge. Knowledge must be lighted with insight if the student is to relate her learning to the facts and realities of life. Added knowledge should go hand in hand with practical application of knowledge; straight, courageous thinking with honesty, clean living, thoroughgoing mastery of the task in hand, kindness and helpfulness to one's neighbors, on the campus or in the community."

In closing, I can think of no better advice than those hopefully not misquoted lines from William Wordsworth, "Take on yourself but your sincerity, and you take on good promise for all climbing."

Thank you and "good climbing!"

# Ivy Oration

### BY MARILYN A. FRANCIS

It has always been said, and indeed it has always been true, that life demands optimum performance. However, never has this been more true or has it ever needed re-emphasizing as it does today. In this, the last half of the 20th century, man is challenged to use his mental abilities as he has never been challenged before. As you remember, primitive man was faced with the problem of trying to control or rise above his environment in order to survive. He had to move from place to place, trying to find a new home whenever his food and water supply ran out. Man, in the middle ages and also in

more recent periods, had to fight widespread plagues and epidemics. He was threatened by the bubonic plague, typhoid fever, and as we are, by polio. At many different times in the history of civilization, man not only had to wrestle with the problems of mere existence and those relative to the preservation of his life, but he has had to struggle to uphold himself in periods of changing concepts of morality and the development of new attitudes toward cherished institutions such as the family and the church. Man today still has these problems—some of them to a lesser degree and some of

them to a greater degree, for while some of them were being alleviated by inventions, innovations, and the progress of medicine, new problems were developing. Man today is trying to control the effects and use of instruments and weapons that he himself has created, instruments that seem at times to threaten his wellbeing and his very existence. Even greater than this problem, though, is that of humanization—trying to get all men to understand, accept, live with, and love each other.

In view of all of these problems, I wish to say how we, the graduating class of 1959, may assist in solving these problems and thereby make our contributions to society. We should endeavor always to give our best and to do whatever we do as well as we can. This does not call for genius or great natural endowment; but rather perseverance, tenacity, and willingness.

We may follow the example of the ivy. The ivy is not actually a beautiful plant. It has no colorful bloom, no especially pleasant odor, nor many attractions that other plants possess. Yet the ivy has become a symbol of academic excellence throughout the nation. It has attained this position because of its qualities: perseverance, tenacity, evergreenness, and a steady, upward climb. These are the qualities that we must have in life if we are to fulfill our highest potentialities and render our greatest possible service.

Let us look at these qualities. Perseverance is one with which we are all familiar. I recall the many times we wondered during the past four years if we would ever get this far. However, the perseverance that has brought us to this occasion is only a fraction of that which we will need to withstand the numerous trials and requirements of life.

Tenacity is very closely related to perseverance. It is the ability to stick to a task, however arduous it may seem, until it is completed.

I don't expect any of us to be ever green in the sense that the ivy is. But I charge you to be green in this way: be ever fresh with new ideas, be ever receptive to lofty undertakings, and be ever eager to give and to give abundantly of the wealth of wisdom, knowledge, and experience that you have gained from this institution.

We shall plant a sprig of ivy at the end of this exercise. By the time we assemble here again for our ten-year reunion, it will be many feet tall, and will probably have grown all over this building. I challenge you to so live during the next ten years that when you return, you can look at the ivy unflinchingly and say: "Your growth has not been unparalleled. I, too, have achieved. I, too, have given of the best of my talents and ability."



### Venice Tipton Spraggs Memorial Loan Fund

The continuing effectiveness of a life of service and selflessness has been given tangible expression in the establishment at Spelman College of the Venice Tipton Spraggs Memorial Loan Fund. Venice Spraggs' life ended at the time when she had attained national acclaim for her work as a publicist, in government service and in promoting the interests of the Democratic Party in which she held a series of important positions. Friends and fellow workers from this period of activity have seen fit to carry out her idea of assistance and encouragement to deserving young people. A committee for fund-raising, organized on the anniversary of her death is headed by State Democratic Chairman in Michigan Neil Staebler and Governor of Michigan G. Mennen Williams. National office of the fund is in Washington, D. C. An-

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nouncement of the gift to Spelman College was made by Dr. Albert Manley at the April, 1959 Founders Day exercises. At this time checks amounting to \$1702.00 were presented to the president, the first installment of the \$10,000 rotating loan fund for students at the college. Typical of the sentiment of the group making the bequest is the stipulation that recipients not be required to pay interest on loans but that they be encouraged to become contributors to the fund.

Venice Spraggs was a firm and loyal alumna of Spelman College. Her dossier at the school gives ample evidence of her feeling that Spelman made a large and substantial contribution to her successes. She had been both student and teacher, withdrew from the latter position with regret when illness in her family made it necessary for her to return to Birmingham, Alabama for employment nearer home. She was a frequent visitor to the campus during all of her post-Spelman years, a beloved personality, who spoke at chapel, was a guest of honor at ground-breaking for the Florence Matilda Read Health and Recreation Building and a recipient of a certificate of merit from the Spelman College Alumnae Association for "sustained interest and loyal service

in perpetuating the aims and ideals" of the College.

She had been a skillful teacher and a valuable community worker. She became a dynamic social leader whose tremendous potential had only been partially realized at the time of her untimely death in her early fifties. She had been a newspaper woman, was head of the Alabama NYA, was National Democratic Party Committeeman. She unimaginable covered distances back and forth across the country in interest of her work and on behalf of the candidates for public office of her party. Her influence was far greater than partisan causes. She was a tireless worker in that best of all human endeavors, good human relations.

Long before death she sought to interest her associates in the idea of an educational fund for young people. Campaigns and the times delayed the project. The committee for the Venice Tipton Spraggs Memorial Fund could think of no more fitting tribute than the establishment of a student aid program at her own alma mater, Spelman College. It is the committee's hope that one or many of the students at Spelman will be inspired to a devotion to the finest principles of social and spiritual leadership.

JOSEPHINE HARRELD LOVE

# Mrs. McThing

Mary Chase's whimsical *Mrs. McThing* was the play with which the Atlanta - Morehouse - Spelman Players closed the 1958-59 season. J. Preston Cochran directed the production; William V. Harper, II designed the settings and the costumes; William Dease provided lighting effects.

Mrs. McThing is a fantasy with a somewhat disconcerting plot. The author of the play seems to have had some difficulty achieving a denoument, for the work drags towards the end. The play presents the rich Mrs. Larue, III in abortive attempts to make Howay, her little boy, a parlor doll who will willingly be kissed by his mother's ridiculous feminine friends. Complications begin when Mrs. Larue announces that Howay shall not play with Mimi, the daughter of Mrs. McThing, a witch. To reward Mrs. Larue's snobbery, Mrs. McThing creates a prig who looks exactly like Howay, substitutes him in the Larue household, and causes the real boy to join adult gangsters. After Mrs. Larue has had sufficient opportunity to learn how frustrating it can be to live with a perfect child, she learns that that child is not hers. She traces her own son to the Shantyland Pool Hall Lunchroom, which has become his home, and is

herself hexed into a service woman there. In the meantime, her own home becomes occupied by a Mrs. Larue who is another of Mrs. Mc-Thing's conjured beings. For some time thereafter, the action confined to the dive, the gangsters devise schemes for robberies, and Mrs. Larue labors painfully. When the witch's creatures have been exorcised and order is finally restored, Mrs. Larue has not merely accepted Mimi as a fit acquaintance for Howay, but has decided to become the child's guardian. Her attitude towards the gangsters has changed also. Poison Eddie Shellenbach, Dirty Joe, and Stinker leave the Larue mansion openly carrying valuable furnishings and escorting ladies of prominence.

Mrs. McThing seems to turn on a plea for normal childhood and on a corresponding mistrust for over-protective and domineering mothers even Poison Eddie trembles in his mother's presence. There is, in addition, satire against pomposity and materialism. Obviously, the play is intended to be light and comic. In general, the work does evoke laughter and smiles of amusement; however, it is the kind of play which easily lends itself to exaggeration and absurdity.

Unfortunately, the cast fell victim to pitfalls and became guilty of some overacting; also, some of the costumes and effects were implausible. The inconsistent accents of certain characters and the disturbance caused by the extensive execution of action in the auditorium proper rather than on the stage detracted further from the effectiveness of the production.

On the whole, however, the presentation of the play exemplified the enthusiasm which audiences have come to associate with the Atlanta-Morehouse-Spelman Players and their directors. The production gave evidence of the hard work and the time which the theatre staff, the cast, and all crews and assistants devoted to it. As usual, the entire cast showed eagerness and enjoyment in its performance. Ann Ford and Dwight Jackson captured the spirit of the mother and the son in their double roles; Johnnie Popwell, Jr., Tommy Johnson, and Robert Stone gave good performances as gangsters. Indeed, the abilities, the zeal, and the industry of all are to be commended.

A. S.

# Class Poem

By MARGARET VERNELL RUCKER

Commencement — An End? No Not finished — Just beginning

Listen, there is a call in the distance It is the call of the world It says—come rid me of my prejudice

Deliver me from hatred and bring me peace.

That is your call, my sisters And today you are to come forth, Bring your undying faith, mighty minds Along with proficient hands and strong wills.

Yes, you are to meet the challenge

You are to seek, find, and direct the mold,

Destroy the bad and perfect the good, —You are to recreate.

You too will determine the course of the world.

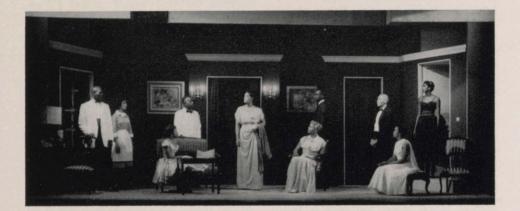
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TOP: THE RELUCTANT DEBUTANTE

Center: THE HOLLOW

Bottom: The Doctor in Spite of Himself







# Campus Notes

#### **PRE-COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES**

Pre-commencement activities at Spelman College began on Thursday, May 21, with Senior Day in the Chapel. On May 24, Mrs. Irene Asbury, dean of women, and Miss Eugenia V. Dunn, assistant dean, entertained the seniors at brunch in the Polly Kline Lounge, and the senior luncheon was held in the Fireside Dining Room on Thursday, May 28.

The formal commencement activities began on Friday, May 29, when the Class of 1949 conducted the Chapel Service. Immediately after chapel, President and Mrs. Manley had a coffee hour for returning alumnae, and the faculty and staff in Reynolds Cottage. The Alumnae Dinner, when the graduating seniors were welcomed as alumnae, was held at 6:30 on that same evening. The annual business meeting of the Alumnae Association was held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday in Howe Hall with Mrs. Josephine Harreld Love, Association president, presiding.

The Class Day Exercises were held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 30, scheduled on the Campus, but held in Howe Hall because of rain. The Alumnae Procession, with classes led by Spelman granddaughters and with College students as Escort of Honor, followed the Commencement Exercises on Monday morning, June 1.

Baccalaureate Sunday was observed jointly with Atlanta University and Morehouse College with Dr. Robert Lowry Calhoun, Pitkin Professor of Historical Theology, Divinity School, Yale University, as the speaker. On June 1, at 10:30 a.m. in Sisters Chapel, Winthrop Rockefeller, chairman of Winrock Enterprises, and a director of Rokefeller Center, Inc., delivered the Commencement address.

#### CLASS DAY EXERCISES

May 30, 1959 - 3:00 P.M.

Fair Spelman

Class Poem .....Margaret Vernell Rucker Class History .....Roslyn J. Washington Presentation of Cap and Bench ......Minnie L. Boyer Presentation of Class

Emblem \_\_\_\_\_Joan A. E. Anthony Ivy Oration \_\_\_\_\_Marilyn A. Francis Presentation of

Gift \_\_\_\_\_Jacquelyn G. Johnson Planting of Ivy

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Procession through Alumnae Arch

#### MRS. LAURANCE S. ROCKEFELLER RECEIVES APPOINTMENT

Mrs. Laurance S. Rockefeller, Spelman trustee, has been appointed chairman of the World Service Council by the Young Women's Christian Association of the U.S.A. This agency supervises the Y.W. C.A.'s overseas activities. Mrs. Rockefeller a member of the Y.W.C.A. national board since 1951, succeeds Mrs. Harold A. Hatch who was named honorary chairman.

### NHA NATIONAL CONVENTION

When the New Homemakers of America met for their National Convention in Atlanta, June 8-12, 1959, Spelman, Morris Brown and Clark Colleges were the joint hosts for the meeting.

The 350 teenage delegates came from 15 states as representatives of the 60,000 high school members of this organization for students studying homemaking education. Accompanying the youth delegates were 100 NHA advisers for state associations and local chapters. Miss Lois Oliver, National NHA adviser,

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Washington, D. C. directed plans for the convention with assistance from the Georgia state NHA adviser, and a committee on local arrangements headed by the home economics faculties of the three Atlanta colleges.

At the meetings which were conducted by the teenagers themselves, The New Homemakers demonstrated their ability to work constructively toward the overall goal of helping individuals to improve personal, family and community living. "Blueprint for Action" was the theme for this year's national meeting.

Spelman College faculty members working with the group were: Dean Irene Asbury, Dean O. W. Eagleson, who took part in a panel discussion, Dr. Willis L. James, leader for the excellent group singing, Dr. Grace Boggs and Mrs. Joyce Johnson who were organists at the general sessions, Mrs. Freddye Henderson and Miss Gladys Cooper of the Home Economics Department.

The delegates were housed on the Spelman and Clark campuses and sessions were held at both institutions. Activities on the Spelman campus included a tour of the Home Economics Department in Laura Spelman Rockefeller Hall, Vespers in Sisters Chapel and a bag picnic and recreation night which was directed by Miss Gloria A. Starks, of the Spelman College Physical Education Department, at Read Health and Recreation Building.

The Presidents' Reception at Read Hall given by presidents of the three colleges for the convention was one of the highlights of the meeting. One of the convention topics, "Our Big, Big World and the People in It" was the basis for the colorful decorations of flags and posters. President and Mrs. A. E. Manley along with representatives of Clark and Morris Brown were on hand to greet the guests who enjoyed an unusual program of music, interpretative dance and fashions. The latter, created by harper II, were modeled by his attractive wife, nese.

#### SPELMAN REPRESENTATIVES ATTEND ART FESTIVAL

Spelman representatives, Miss Eugunia Dunn, assistant dean of women, and Miss June Hector, a senior and art major, attended the First Annual Art Festival sponsored by the Beaux Arts Guild of Tuskegee, May 23 and 24 at the U.S. Army Reserve Center, Tuskegee, Alabama.

Creative works from many states were exhibited. Exhibitors from Spelman were Miss Eugunia Dunn, Miss June Hector, Miss Gustina Jones, Miss Betty Smith, Miss Olivia Potter and Mr. Edwin H. Cerney.

#### **1959 GRADUATES**

The Bachelor of Arts degree was conferred on sixty-five candidates by President A. E. Manley of Spelman College on Monday, June 1, 1959 at 10:30 a.m. in Sisters Chapel.

Receiving the Bachelor of Arts degree with high honors were Marilyn Augusta Francis, Jeanelle Stovall, and Roslyn Juanita Washington; receiving the Bachelor of Arts degree with honors were Minnie Lee Boyer, Dorothye Ruth Carithers, Lucille Patricia Fultz, Frances Caroll Glover, June Elaine Hector, Helen Artimese Kerr, Margaret Vernell Rucker, and Dorothye Parker Thompson. Others receiving the Bachelor of Arts degree were: Minnie Lee Alderman, Priscilla Anne Anderson, Evelyn Andrews, Anna Leonease Bell, Jane Marguerite Bond, Myrtle Janice Bottoms, Harriette Dean Brown, Dorothy Louise Coleman, Carolyn Louise Crawford, Lillie Mae Dennis, Isabel Dean Dyer, Ruby Dell Eley, Inett Elizabeth Ellison, Evelyn Bernice Engram, Geneva Elizabeth Evans, Sara Jean Gaskins, Shirley Yvonne Graham, Marnesba Maurie Hill, Geneva Hood, Sylvia George Howard, Jerris Yvonne Irving, Christina Benn Jaffer, Jacquelyn Genell Johnson, Jamie Delores Johnson, Kathryn Marlene Johnson, Virginia Estelle Johnson, Anna Gustina Jones, Ola Mae Kinsey, Corinne Catherine Long,

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# Faculty Notes

Many members of the Spelman Family remember pleasantly their association with Mrs. Florence B. Boynton, formerly of the music department. She is at home in Old Mystic, Connecticut, and although she has been ill for some time, she continues to be her cheerful, thoughtful self. Dr. and Mrs. Manley stopped by to see her when they were in New England in July.

Miss Gladys Cooper, chairman of the home economics department, attended the American Home Economics Association workshop, University of Wisconsin Milwaukee Branch, June 15-19.

Mrs. Margaret Nabrit Curry toured Europe during July and August, visiting Austria, Belgium, England, France, Holland, Italy, Germany and Switzerland.

Dr. Willis L. James served as a musician in residence along with John Garvey of the University of Illinois at the 1959 School of Jazz, Inc., Lenox, Massachusetts in August. Dr. James lectured on "Primitive Beginnings of Jazz in America" in the evening lecture series of the School on Friday, August 14. He lectured on "The Romance of the Negro Folk Song In America" at a special seminar held at Riggs Foundation Inn Psychiatric Institution, Stockbridge, Massachusetts on August 24, 1959.

Dr. James, authority on folk music, conducted a folk music seminar in connection with the School of Jazz. The seminar was created "for the purpose of bringing to our guests at Music Inn the inspiration which may be found in singing and studying the varied, beautiful, and haunting folk music of the world. The seminar will be organized to include demonstrations, explanation, singing, origins of folk and jazz music, answers to questions regarding the interests of participants, shaped note singing, the scales peculiar to various races and cultures, and the use of the folk voice and instruments."

The Atlanta Pops Concerts under the direction of Albert Coleman, presented Mrs. Joyce Finch Johnson of the music department, as guest pianist on June 26. Mrs. Johnson played Symphonic Variations by Cesar Franck.

Dr. and Mrs. Manley attended the American Humanities Seminar which was held July 13-15, 1959, at the University of Massachusets in Amherst. The Seminar was held to discuss the question: "How may humanists work more effectively with science and technology, labor and management, government, medicine and law, education and religion, press, radio, and TV to strengthen international exchange and to achieve cross-cultural goals."

The Spelman Family was saddened to learn of the death of Mrs. Mary Holbrook Shepard, the mother of Mrs. Albert E. Manley, on August 11, in Atlanta, Georgia. Mrs. Shepard lived in Durham, N. C. for many years and was active in civic and church work. A member of St. Joseph's A.M.E. Church, she held several offices in the state and national organizations of the A.M.E. Church. When her health began to fail, she came to Atlanta to live with her daughter and son-in-law at Spelman College.

Reverend N. M. Rates served as guest minister at the First Congregational Church, Atlanta, Georgia, during the month of August.

Mrs. Selma Richardson, director of the Nursery School, attended the meeting of the Association of Childhood Education International, March 29-April 3, in St. Louis, Missouri.

The Spelman Family extends sincere sympathy to Mrs. Georgia Caldwell Smith in the passing of her father, Dr. Walter W. Caldwell, pioneer physician of Kansas City, Missouri, on July 21, 1959. On April 28 and 29, Miss Bette Ruth Taylor, of the Nursery School Staff, attended a conference of the Association for Children Under Six, in Nashville, Tennessee.

Mrs. Geneva F. Weaver of the physical education department, left the United States on August 7 for East Africa where she will spend one year in Enugu, Capital of the Eastern Region, Nigeria, with her husband and eightyear old son, Kem. Dr. Weaver, professor of education, Atlanta University, will work for the Nigerian Government as an Education Officer, during his sabbatical year.

While in Nigeria, Mrs. Weaver plans to study the dance in West Africa and observe the development of the educational program in the new thirty-five million dollar university in the Eastern Region and in the many new secondary and elemetary schools with special refrence to health, physical education, and recreation. On their return trip to the United States, the Weavers expect to spend some time in Spain, Italy, France, Switzerland, Norway and Sweden, and England.

An article "A Fate Worse Than Intergration", written by Dr. Howard Zinn of the history department, was published in the August issue of Harper's Magazine. Dr. Zinn taught two courses in political science at Upsala College in New Jersey during the summer session.

#### SPELMAN TEACHERS ON SUMMER SCHOOL FACULTY

Spelman faculty members who taught in the Atlanta University Summer School were:

Dr. Grace Boggs and Dr. Willis L. James in music; Dr. Irene D. Jackson in French; Mr. Baldwin W. Burroughs in drama; Mrs. Shirley M. McBay in mathematics; Mrs. Millicent D. Jordan in English and Dr. O. W. Eagleson in statistics.

Dr. Eagleson also served as a member of the National Defense Education Act Counseling and Guidance Institute held at Atlanta University during the summer and as an evaluator at the Cooperative Experimental Summer School for pre-freshmen sponsored by Clark, Morehouse, Morris Brown and Spelman Colleges.

Mrs. Marjorie Spring taught English in the Summer School for pre-freshmen and Miss Gloria Starks was recreational supervisor of girls for the same school.

Mrs. Beatrice M. Williams participated in a student teaching workshop held at Atlanta University.

# Vesper Speakers

#### May 17

Dr. Irene Dobbs Jackson, Professor of French, Spelman College. Observance of Parents' Day.

### College Minister.

May 31

Dr. Robert L. Calhoun, Pitkin Professor of Historical Theology, Divinity School, Yale University. Joint Baccalaureate Service.

### May 24

Reverend Norman M. Rates, Spelman

## Calendar

May 16

Dance Recital, Read Hall

May 18

President Manley spoke in chapel of the privileges and responsibilities of students in selecting officers of student organizations. He challenged the newly elected student officers to prove worthy of the trust placed in them.

May 19

"Reflections" was the title of the morning chapel talk by Reverend Rates. May 20

Using as the subject of his talk, "What Has God Given You?" Reverend Rates emphasized the need in these days for seeking high goals, and of making wise use of our talents.

May 21

Senior Day Service in morning chapel. Messages were given by representatives from Clark, Morris Brown, Morehouse, and Spelman Colleges.

May 22

A period of meditation was held in morning chapel.

May 24

Senior Brunch, Read Hall.

May 25

Mr. Earl Sanders, accompanied by Mrs. Joyce F. Johnson, played several violin selections to a most appreciative audience.

May 26

Reverend Rates led a worship service of Scripture, songs, and meditation.

May 28

Senior Class Dinner, Morgan Hall. May 29

Chapel service — program conducted by the Class of 1949 followed by a Coffee Hour at Reynolds Cottage.

Spelman College Alumnae Dinner, Morgan Hall.

May 30

Meeting of the Alumnae Association in Howe Hall.

Class Day

Presidents' Reception to Graduating Classes, University Dormitories.

May 31

Baccalaureate Service (Joint Service with Morehouse College and Atlanta University). Speaker: Dr. Robert L. Calhoun, Pitkin Professor of Historical Theology, Divinity School, Yale University.

President and Mrs. Manley at home to Spelman seniors and their guests, alumnae, faculty, and visiting friends — Reynolds Cottage.

June 1

Spelman College Commencement Exercises. Address: Mr. Winthrop Rockefeller, Winrock Farm, Arkansas.

Atlanta University Commencement Exercises. Speaker: Dr. Willette R. Banks, President Emeritus, Prairie View A. and M. College.

#### June 2

Morehouse College Commencement. Address: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Pastor, Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, Montgomery, Alabama.

#### June 10

Opening of Atlanta University Summer School.

Atlanta University Summer Theater:

June 18, 19, 20 "The Reluctant Debu

"The Reluctant Debutante" by William Douglas Home.

July 2, 3, 4

"The Hollow" by Agatha Christie.

July 16, 17, 18

"The Doctor In Spite of Himself" by Moliere.

August 5

Atlanta University Summer School Concert, under the direction of Willis L. James.

August 6

Atlanta University Summer School Commencement in Sisters Chapel.

SPELMAN MESSENGER

### Visitors

- Rev. Ralph Abernathy, Montgomery, Alabama
- Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ancreem, Corona, L. I., New York
- Miss Ella Baker, Atlanta, Georgia
- Mrs. Maude L. Ballou, Montgomery, Alabama
- Dr. and Mrs. Aaron Brown, Brooklyn, New York
- Mrs. Ernestine Brown, Atlanta, Georgia
- Mr. Freddie A. Brown, Columbia, South Carolina
- Mr. Theodore A. Brown, New York, New York
- Mrs. Eloise Dunn Bryant, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama
- Mr. Willie Byrd, Jr., Gary, Indiana
- Miss Nina E. Bush, Denmark
- Mrs. Bettye Roberts Campbell, Bordentown, New Jersey
- Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd O. Cash, Houston, Texas
- Rev. H. C. Clowder, Atlanta, Georgia
- Mrs. Inez Cunningham, Athens, Georgia
- Rev. William A. Dennis, Chattanooga, Tennessee
- Mrs. Mamie S. Dye, Athens, Georgia
- Mrs. Bessie Dyett, W. Palm Beach, Florida
- Mrs. Minnie E. Eaton, Birmingham, Alabama
- Mr. H. D. Ellis, Chicago, Illinois
- Miss Carolyn Evans, Birmingham, Alabama
- Mr. J. C. Forrester, Dothan, Alabama
- Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Hall, Hattiesburg, Mississippi
- Rev. S. L. Harvey, New Orleans, Louisiana
- Mrs. Ruth Davis Hawk, Athens, Georgia
- Mr. and Mrs. R. Herring, Mariania, Florida
- Mr. Guy Hershberger, Goshen, Indiana
- Mrs. Eva C. Howard, Oglethorpe, Georgia
- Mrs. Charles D. Hubert, Atlanta, Georgia
- Rev. Julius James, Gary, Indiana

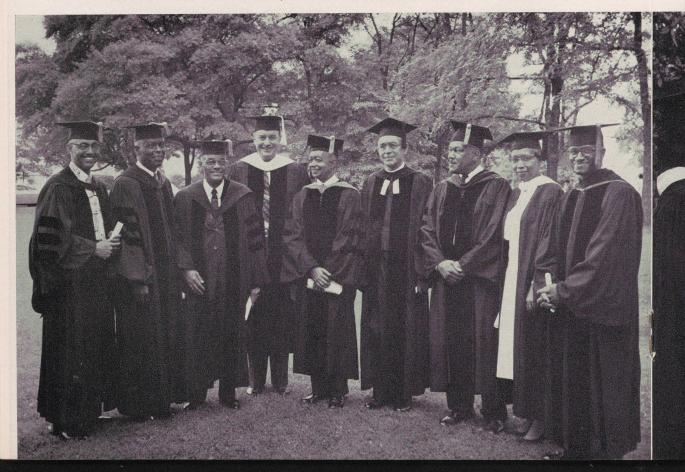
Mrs. Daisy M. Jeffries, Birmingham, Alabama

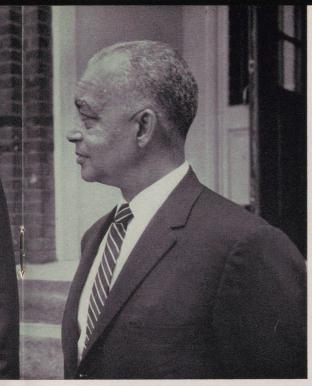
- Mr. I. S. Johnson, Columbia, South Carolina
- Mr. Morgan Johnson, Atlanta, Georgia Mr. Otis Johnson, Mobile, Alabama
- Miss Rosalie Johnson, Atlanta, Georgia
- Mr. Alfred King, Newnan, Georgia
- Rev. and Mrs. M. L. King, Sr., Atlanta, Georgia
- Rev. and Mrs. M. L. King, Jr., Montgomery, Alabama
- Mr. Thomas L. King, Sr., Atlanta, Georgia
- Mrs. Mary English Knight, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Dr. Charles Lawrence, Pomona, New York
- Mr. J. M. Lawson, Jr., Nashville, Tennessee
- Mr. I. S. Leevy, Columbia, South Carolina
- Mr. Chester K. Lehan, Harrisonburg, Virginia
- Mr. Franklin Littel, Atlanta, Georgia
- Mrs. Maude Augusta McAllister, Winston-Salem, North Carolina
- Mr. James T. McCain, Sumter, South Carolina
- Mr. Alfred McClary, Norfolk, Virginia
- Mrs. Gertrude McDonald, Atlanta, Georgia
- Mr. Wade Mackie, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia
- Mr. W. A. Mercer, Savannah, Georgia Mrs. John Migel, New York, New York
- Mrs. Moses Migel, New York, New York Mr. Douglas Moore, Atlanta, Georgia
- Mrs. Florence M. Nelson, West Palm Beach, Florida
- Mr. Elmer Newfeld, Chicago, Illinois
- Rev. A. Owens, Dothan, Alabama
- Mrs. Barbara R. Powell, Chicago, Illinois Miss Dawn Powell, Chicago, Illinois
- Miss Diane Powell, Chicago, Illinois
- Miss Doris R. Parker, Montgomery, Alabama



MR. WINTHROP ROCKEFELLER

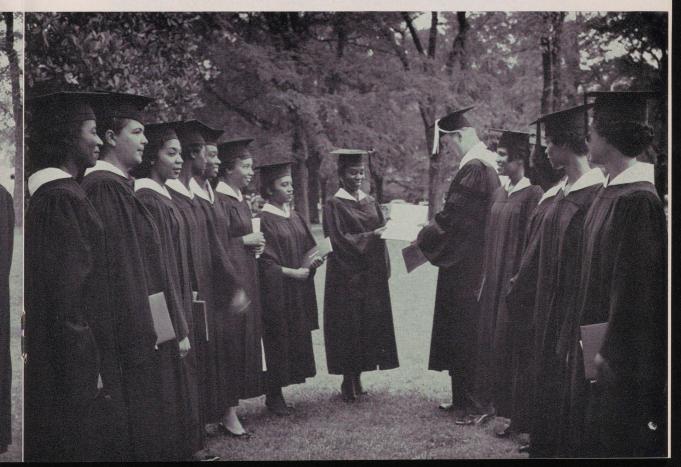
Spelman Commencement Platform Party (The Speaker, Mr. Winthrop Rockefeller Is Fourth From Left.)





PRESIDENT ALBERT E. MANLEY

A Group of Seniors Chat With the Commencement Speaker.



Mr. H. J. Palmer, Montgomery, Alabama

Miss Versie L. Raines, Macon, Georgia Mr. Henry Reaves, Holly Springs,

Mississippi

- Mr. James R. Robinson, New York, New York
- Mrs. Ivy M. Rodely, Memphis, Tennessee
- Mrs. Mary Brookins Ross, Detroit, Michigan
- Mrs. Mauderline W. Scales, Winston-Salem, North Carolina
- Mr. W. E. Shortridge, Birmingham, Alabama
- Dr. C. O. Simpkins, Shreveport, Louisiana
- Mrs. Dorothy Simpkins, Shreveport, Louisiana
- Dr. Glenn E. Smiley, Nyack, New York Rev. Roland Smith, Little Rock, Arkansas

- Mr. Lloyd Spaulding, North Newton, Kansas,
- Mrs. Alice Spearman, Columbia, South Carolina
- Rev. Daniel B. Speed, Tallahassee, Florida.
- Mr. Leon Steele, Albany, Georgia
- Mr. John Thomas, Chicago, Illinois
- Mr. D. R. Tiller, Camden, South Carolina
- Mrs. Susie Bronaugh Tinsley, Hopkinsville, Kentucky
- Mr. Wyatt Walker, Petersburg, Virginia
- Mrs. Lillie S. Weatherspool, Atlanta, Georgia
- Rev. Edward Williams, Mobile, Alabama
- Rev. Samuel W. Williams, Atlanta, Georgia

Miss June Wilson, Crossett, Arkansas Mr. Cleveland Wolfe, Mobile, Alabama

Mrs. Annye L. Younger, Bluefield, West Virginia

## Alumnae News

#### TEN-YEAR REUNION AND ALUMNAE DINNER MEETING

As part of their ten-year reunion program, the class of 1949 was in charge of morning services in Sisters Chapel on the Spelman Campus at eight o'clock on May 29, 1959. Miss Sue Juanita Perteet of Atlanta presided. Miss Ernestein Walker of South Carolina State College read the Scripture, and Mrs. Virginia Davis Hawkins led the audience in prayer. President Manley greeted and congratulated all of the alumnae who had returned to take part in the services and sent messages of good will to those unable to return for reunion activities.

The theme of the reunion message delivered by Dr. Mamie Thompson Wilson of the department of speech of Grambling College was that the college graduate should practice the three R's of reason, resourcefulness and responsibility.

Mrs. Eloise Dunn Bryant of Tuskegee Institute sang a solo accompanied by Mr. Wendell Whalum of Morehouse College. Mrs. Lavaughn Force Elkins of Atlanta introduced those members of the Class of 1949 who were present at the services.

After the chapel services, President and Mrs. Manley were hosts at a coffee hour at Reynolds Cottage.

At 6:30 p.m. the annual alumnae dinner was served in Morgan Dining Room. Mrs. Cornelia Wallace Robinson, president of the Atlanta Spelman Club, presided. Highlights of the evening were the awarding of the Special Alumnae Citation to Miss Evelyn LaRue Pittman, a supervisor of music in White Plains, New York, a woman of vitality and creative talent, sincere, likable and diligent. A former student of music at Juilliard and of Nadia Boulanger, Miss Pittman has had much of her music published and her opera, *Cousin Esther*, performed in Paris.



TEN-YEAR REUNIONERS

Certificates of Merit were given to Mrs. Ella Barksdale Brown (in absentia) of Jersey City, New Jersey, mother, teacher, newspaper columnist, member and active worker in many associations for community welfare; to Mrs. Ethel McGee Davis of Englewood, New Jersey, a woman beloved by all who know her, active in many organizations concerned with the welfare of young people, a trustee of Spelman College; and to Miss Josie Stark of Atlanta for her devotion to duty not only in her chosen profession of nursing in which she has served for thirty-seven years but also in her Sunday School, church and community.

President Manley welcomed the returning alumnae and an announcement was made from the Washington Spelman Club that the Jane Hope Lyons tuition scholarship, renewable for three years, was being presented this year to a student from Washington, D. C. who has been accepted for the Cooperative Experimental Summer School for pre-freshmen at the Atlanta University Center.

Mrs. Josephine Harreld Love, outgoing president of the Association, expressed pride and confidence in the Spelman product in the words of her late mother, Claudia White Harreld, C '01, spoken at the 25th anniversary, "The helpful neighbor, the helpmeet and inspirer of her husband, the sane, wise and loving guide of her children, she blesses the earth and makes a garden spot of one tiny place in this old world too sadly in need of cheer." Continuing, Mrs. Love said, "We would like to remind the Senior Class of 1959 that our simple annual ceremonials of love are undertaken with deepest sincerity. They are an humble expression of love and loyalty to Spelman College, our devotion to each member of the graduating class. This is an unusually fine Reunion year. Each Reunion has its felicities — last year we were impressed by the great age of some of our reunioners. This year's Reunion Classes bring us great pleasure by the number and vitality of their representatives. Our Spelman alumnae, whether ninety or nineteen are young in spirit, vital and real."

Mrs. Love presented a handsome plaque to the Alumnae Association inscribed "Loyalty Fund Award for largest class contribution at Founders Day" to inspire liberal giving on the part of graduates. There is ample space on it so that each year for the next fifty or seventy-five years the winning class can have its name inscribed and have possession of the Award for as long as it wins.

In closing Mrs. Love whose hard work, foresight, originality, resourcefulness and know-how have brought the Association to its high state of efficiency, thanked the members for their cooperation during her administration and pledged her continued support.

On Saturday morning the annual meeting of the National Alumnae Association of Spelman College was held. Mrs. Naomah Williams Maise of Cleveland, Ohio, was elected the new president succeeding Mrs. Josephine Harreld Love who has faithfully and tirelessly carried out the duties of the president for the past five years.

#### ECHOES FROM THE REUNION, CLASS OF 1949

- Mrs. Phyllis Andrews Benton Atlanta University, 1949-1950; taught at Selma University Junior College, 1950-1951; Research work with Talledega Health Survey, 1951-1952; now employed by the Department of Public Welfare, Fulton County, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Mrs. Lula Lavaughn Force Elkins Studied at Atlanta and New York Universities; in June 1954, married W. T. Elkins (Morehouse '49); teaches in Atlanta public school system; current enthusiasms are Girl Scouting, travelling, and the Democratic Party.

- Mrs. Doris Perry Carter Worked in Spelman Nursery School one summer; taught English at Thomaston Training School, 1951-1953; since 1954, employed as counselor for Juvenile Court; married Raines F. Carter, has two children.
- Mrs. Maxine Atkins Smith Earned M.A. in French, Middlebury College; taught at Prairie View A. and M. College, Florida A. and M. University and LeMoyne College; married Dr. Vasco A. Smith, Jr.; mother of twoyear old son, Vasco A., III; now a housewife who spends spare time working with the N.A.A.C.P., is a member of the executive board of the Memphis branch and attempted to break the racial barriers at Memphis State University by applying for admission.
- Clara A. Brawner, M.D. Graduate work: M.D. degree, Meharry Medical College; internship, Hubbard Hospital Meharry; Post-graduate study, of Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons; engaged in general practice with emphasis on pediatrics. Medical activities full time: hospital affiliations, E. H. Crump Memorial Hospital and Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics and Chairman of Scientific Program for Medical Staff of Collins Chapel Hospital; parttime medical activities — physician for Memphis and Shelby County Health Department, physician for Veterans Administration Home-care and medical director of the Good-Homes for Children. Civic will activities - member of the Board of Directors of the Pre-School Association of Memphis, Board of Directors of the Goodwill Homes for Children and Board of Directors of the Jessie Mahan Day Care Center.
- Mrs. Virginia Davis Hawkins Graduate work at Atlanta University; work with American Friends Service Committee in Philadelphia; teacher-sponsor of Camp Fire Girls and Test Coordinator at Rockdale School, Atlanta,

Georgia; married T. D. Hawkins (Morehouse); mother of one son, Robert, age four.

- Mrs. Eloise Dunn Bryant Taught in New Orleans until 1955; married Mr. Melville C. Bryant; studied at Indiana University; studied voice with outstanding teachers; played role of "Bloody Mary" in *South Pacific* with Indiana University Summer Opera; was guest soloist with the Morehouse Glee Club's Founders Day Concert; presently enmployed as clerk-cashier at School of Veterinary Medicine, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.
- Mrs. Ella Mae Gaines Sydnor Children's librarian at the Orange, N. J. Public Library; vice president of the New Jersey Women's Council on Human Relations; Chairman of the Human Relations Committee of the New Jersey Library Association and represents the New Jersey Library Association on the Council.
- Mrs. Muriel Gassett James ". . . I have been married nine years and have a two-year old son named Donald. I have had some fascinating jobs: transcribing and translating at the Yale Institute of Human Relations in New Haven, Conn. After my husband graduated from Law School, we moved to Sacramento where I worked for the U. S. Government at McClellan Air Force Base; later I worked as a legal secretary. We have been in Stockton since '54. Here, I've been a substitute teacher and am presently employed by the Official Court Reporters (Superior Court)." In August, Attorney and Mrs. James became parents of a second son, Dennis Dobbs.
- Mrs. Naomi Grant Holton "I am now a mother of three lovely daughters ages 8, 7, and 2 years. After leaving Moultrie, Georgia, where I taught for four years, I have made my home in Miami, Florida. Presently, I am teaching first grade at the J. R. E. Lee Elementary School. . ."
- Sue Perteet Taught at the Dickerson Training School, Vidalia, Georgia; advanced study at Atlanta University;

at present teaches at Bailey-Johnson School, Alpharetta, Georgia, where she was selected "Teacher of the Year" for 1958-1959; active worker with the National Association of Colored Girls holding positions of Chairman of Young Adult Department of NACWC recording secretary and of the NACWC; has spearheaded the organization of six clubs for girls and a city-wide Girl's Federation; active in Y.W.C.A., Y.M.C.A., and is corresponding secretary of the Atlanta Spelman Club.

- Miss Marjorie A. Ricke Director of the John Eagan Day Nursery which is a branch of the Gate City Day Nursery Association, Atlanta, Georgia; further study at Atlanta University and Columbia University.
- Mrs. Ruby Singleton Cash Employed by Atlanta Board of Education since graduation; married Mr. Rial Cash, Jr. (Morehouse) in 1954; has done advanced study at Atlanta University; mother of a son, Rial Cash, III.
- Mrs. Mamie Thompson Wilson-Earned M.A. degree, Boston University and Ph.D. degree, Indiana University; taught at Columbia, S, C., at Fort Valley, Georgia and at Indiana University; holds membership in American Association of Women, Pi Lambda National Honorary Society, American Speech and Hearing Society, American Educational Research Association; at present, director of the Speech Clinic and instructor in the speech and drama department of Grambling College, Grambling, La.; is one of three principal investigators of a study "A Comparative Study of the Effectiveness of Three Techniques of Film Presentation in Teaching a Selected Group of Educable Retarded Children Enrolled in Public Schools in Louisiana," made possible by a grant from U. S. Office of Education, Department of Health, Education and Welfare. This is the second U. S. grant received for this study.

- Miss Ernestein Walker Received the M.A. degree from Atlanta University; taught in Atlanta public school system, at Kentucky State College, and at Fort Valley State College, at present teaches in the social studies department of South Carolina State College; spent summer of 1958 studying at the University of Edinburgh and touring on the continent; attended the annual meeting of the Association of Social Science Teachers which met April 23-25 at Atlanta University.
- Miss Evelyn Willis Attended Howard University on scholarship and received M.S. degree in psychology, 1956; taught in Atlanta public school system; teacher of psychology and education at Carver Junior College; Charlotte, N. C.
- Mrs. Elizabeth York Holloway "Married Albert Z. Holloway . . . We have two sons, Albert Dedric, Jr. and Kelvin Jerome. I am the kindergarten teacher at North Avenue Elementary School, Atlanta, Georgia . . . also art coordinator, grade level chairman and a member of the Advisory Committee . . . was elected "Teacher of the Year" for 1957-1958."
- Mrs. Madeline Willis Scales continues to teach at Adkins High School, Winston-Salem, N. C.
- Mrs. Pinkie Gordon Lane is employed in the department of English, Southern University, on part-time basis while she studies toward the Ph.D. degree in English at Louisiana State University.
- On Saturday, March 29, 1959, Miss Harriet Louise Mitchell became the lovely bride of Dr. Obra Jesuit Moore in Longview, Texas. Their home address is 934 Young Street, Longview. Mrs. Moore who is a teacher at Prairie View A. and M. College attended and read a paper at the 24th annual meeting of the Association of Social Science Teachers and the National Honorary Social Science Fraternity

held at Atlanta University, April 23-25, 1959.

The twenty-six members of the Class of 1949 whose names are listed below were present at one or more of the Reunion activities: Phyllis Andrews Benton, Georgia Maxine Atkins Smith, Gloria Bibb Washington, Virginia Davis Hawkins, Jean DeGazon Mc-Donnell, Eloise Dunn Bryant, Henrene Ellington Smoot, Gwendolyn Fields Halls, Lavaughn Force Elkins, Edna Mae Gaston Hinsley, Emmalyn Jenkins Deal, Doris Perry Carter, Sue Juanita Perteet, Marjorie Armenta Ricks, Helen Roberts Campbell, Rubye Singleton Cash, Mamie Thompson Wilson, Mildred Turk Brown, Ernestein Walker, Sarah Washington Richardson, Louise Catherine Welch Brown, Manderline Willis Scales, Ruby Woods Carter, Elizabeth Yorke Holloway, Mary Louis Young Gerald, Barbara L. Youngblood Seymour.

The Alumnae Secretary would appreciate receiving data on the other membrs of the class. She urges you to fill in and return promptly, alumnae blanks that will be enclosed in President Manley's fall letter to all alumnae.

### Special Alumnae Achievement Award

#### EVELYN LARUE PITTMAN, C '33

In 1929 a talented and lively young person entered with the Freshman Class at Spelman College. From the beginning, Evelyn LaRue Pittman was someone to be reckoned with on this campus. There were few programs which did not feel the impact of her vitality and urge to be creative. She joined everything — the glee club, the chorus, the orchestra, the quartet, University Players — and was not only a joiner but sincere, likable and diligent in all that she undertook.

We honor her tonight with the second Special Alumnae Citation ever to be given by the National Alumnae Association of Spelman College, for she has fulfilled many times again the promise she showed as a student. Her manifold activities as choir director, teacher, and composer have brought her commendation from a nation-wide following. There have been socio-cultural implications in much of the work of Evelyn Pittman. The programs of the Evelyn Pittman Choir in Oklahoma City were used to provide scholarships for promising music students in the state and to further the work of various charitable enterprises. She was a pioneer at the University of Oklahoma, and was the first Negro to enroll as a graduate student in music at that University.

She has been tireless in her pursuit of knowledge and perfection in her field. She has been a student at the Juilliard School of Music, and two years ago she went to Paris for musical studies with Mme. Nadia Boulanger, the long time mentor and friend of the most outstanding composers of this country. Her works are standard catalogue items of a leading music publishing house. Her compositions and choral arrangements are in constant demand, as is her folk music anthology Rich Heritage. A folk opera Cousin Esther was performed in Paris at the Cite Universite under the auspices of the American Embassy and the Cultural Center International, by a cast of Greek, Haitian, Indian, African, French, American white and Negro singers.

She is at present a supervisor of music in a White Plains, New York junior high school. We know that wherever she is and whatever she is doing Evelyn Pittman is demonstrating qualities of dignity, sincerity and social leadership.



Left to Right: EVELYN LARUE PITTMAN and ETHEL MCGHEE DAVIS

### Certificates of Merit

#### ELLA BARKSDALE BROWN HS '87

Ella Barksdale Brown has called herself "the last leaf of 1887." She was taught in the basement of Friendship Baptist Church and her graduation exercises were held there. She was fifteen years old and valedictorian of the first class graduated by Spelman.

We honor her with a Certificate of Merit for outstanding achievements as mother, teacher and pioneer civic leader. Two World Wars and the general complexities of a growing immigrant population brought many problems to Jersey City, New Jersey where the Brown family had moved early in the first decade of this century. She attacked each new difficulty with skill and determina-

tion. As organizer, newspaper columnist and community worker, she helped introduce concepts of equality and freedom new to the area - Negro History Week, the NAACP, non-discrimination in hospital training, a House of Friendship for girls in the YWCA, a Crispus Attucks Day observed in schools throughout the state by unanimous approval of the New Jersey Assembly, a league for immigrant laborers, to name only a few. May she be granted her own wish stated in the letter sent in 1957 to her Seventieth Class Reunion, "To join the choir invisible of those immortal . . . who live again in minds made better by their presence."

An event of great significance in the life of the college took place when Ethel McGhee now Davis entered the fifth grade practice school of Spelman Seminary. One can picture this attractive young slip of a girl going about the campus, beloved as she is now by all who know her. Her life has been one part serendipity—the happy faculty of being the one to whom good fortune is presented—to three parts courage, proficiency and application.

She is here to celebrate a fortieth reunion-her graduation from Spelman High School in 1919. She left for a few years only to attend Oberlin College, the New York School of Social Work and Columbia University and to enter the social work profession in Englewood, New Jersey. Spelman has not allowed her to be away too long during any period of her life. She returned in the thirties as dean of women. The roving eve of the president of West Virginia State College found this beloved dean and she left to become the bride of John W. Davis, the mother of three daughters, a charming and gracious college hostess. In West Virginia she helped to organize Girl Scout services for Negro girls, saw

the work grow to large dimensions, was chairman of a most successful camping committee and regional and national field committees. Spelman College was a continuing factor in her life for she was asked to serve on the Trustee Board, a position which she now holds.

Mr. Davis retired a few years ago from West Virginia College. The family moved to Englewood, New Jersey, and into a new orbit of community service. Mrs. Davis is on the boards of the Urban League, Community Chest, United Church Women and the Social Service Federation, her very first employer. Interposed in these years away from West Virginia were two spent in Liberia where Mr. Davis was director of the Foreign Operations Administration. Mrs. Davis was active in the YWCA, in health educational programs and in attendance at the West African Conference at University College in Nigeria.

The National Alumnae Association of Spelman College takes great pleasure in the presentation of the Certificate of Merit to one so deserving of such honors and one so firm in her loyalties to our college.

#### JOSIE STARK, N.T. '17

"He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often, and loved much; who has enjoyed the trust and respect of men and women, and the love of little children; who has filled his niche with good deeds and accomplished his task; who has always looked for the best in others and given them the best that he had."

These lines remind me of one whom we pause to honor tonight — Miss Josie Stark.

Miss Stark is a product of Atlanta Schools, from elementary to high school and to college. We are especially proud that she is a graduate of the nurse training department of MacVicar Hospital

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at Spelman College.

For 37 years, Miss Stark has given loyal and devoted service to the Fulton County Health Department, from which she retired on April 30, 1959. The Health Department honored her on her retirement, at which time many expressions of praise were given her for outstanding performance at and beyond the call of duty.

Besides her work as a public servant and social worker, Miss Stark has given herself unselfishly to her Sunday School, her church and her community. She has been an inspiration to all who know her as evidenced in this poem inspired by her: Not a Mother— But so near to Mothers That you do well to honor her. I can't forget what she meant to me, In a way that others could never see Unless I told you of it. The first one to say, "Why Ruth, it's a boy." The first one to tell me, "He'll be a great joy. He's perfect; see his hand, His fingers and toes? Why look, he even has a very nice nose." Words like these mean so much When you see your first boy. Not a Mother, But so near to Mothers You do well to honor her.

-By Ruth Hall Hodges

Dedicated to Miss Josie Louise Stark, who shared honors with Mrs. Ruth Scott Simmons, Sunday School Mother of 1950 of the First Congregational Church, Atlanta, Georgia, at the Annual Mother and Daughter Banquet.

It is with great pride that the National Alumnae Association of Spelman College selected her as being worthy of receiving this certificate of award.



Left to Right: SAMMYE F. COAN and JOSIE STARK

### Naomah Williams Maise Heads National Alumnae Association

Mrs. Naomah Williams Maise of Cleveland, Ohio was elected president of the Spelman College National Alumnae Association at its June meeting to succeed Mrs. Josephine Harreld Love of Detroit, Michigan, who has given five years of devoted loyal service.

Talented and efficient Mrs. Maise is a native of Anniston, Alabama. She received her bachelor of arts degree from Spelman College after majoring in English and history and minoring in music. She has done further work in the field of music at the Juilliard School during several summers and for one year as a General Education Board Fellow. During one summer she was a participant in the Festival Concerts at the Bennington School of the Arts. Mrs. Maise was a successful teacher of piano and voice at Spelman College until she decided to specialize in the area of social wark.

In 1947 Mrs. Maise received her master's degree in the field of social work administration from Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio. After her class work was completed but before her thesis was finished, Mrs. Maise was appointed program director at the Friendly Inn Settlement in Cleveland, and soon after receiving her master's degree, director there.

In August 1952, Mrs. Maise resigned as director of Friendly Inn with the idea of broadening the base of her professional experience, and in March, 1953, she accepted the position of Executive Director of the National Council of Negro Women in Washington, D. C. In this position, in addition to participating in Regional Conferences for the six geographical regions, organizing new councils, working on committees and providing leadership in the multitudinous activities pertaining to the Council, Mrs. Maise also had broad opportunities for working with government agencies, in preparing of legislative material and in attending conferences and meetings of significant value especially to women.

In 1956, Mrs. Maise became director of the Garden Valley Neighborhood House in Cleveland, Ohio, where, in addition to her duties as director, she has been active in the coordination of total agency participation in an Urban Renewal project. On July 1, 1959, Mrs. Maise accepted the new position of program director for the Golden Age Center of Cleveland, Ohio.

Under the able guidance of its new president, Mrs. Naomah Williams Maise, the Spelman National Alumnae Association is looking forward to even greater achievement in the projects which have been so well begun.

### LETTERS FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES

A letter, postmarked New Delhi, India, from Mrs. Kathryn Brisbane C '55, to Alumnae Secretary Ernestine Brazeal reads: "Your letter arrived on the 25th of May after being transferred from place to place. We left Patna on the 24th of April for Delhi and on May 2nd we arrived at Tara Devi, Simla, India, where we are participating in the American Studies Seminar. The seminar is composed of three American Fullbright professors and one research scholar and their families plus the Director of the Foundation and thirty-five young Indian college professors from colleges all over India. At this point we are anxious to start home. This we shall do on June 8th from Calcutta via the

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Pacific. We are in northwest India in the lower Himalayas some seven thousand feet up. We are completely isolated but enjoying the fun . . ."

Mrs. Brishane and daughter Phillipa accompanied Dr. Brisbane, on leave from Morehouse College and Fullbright professor at Patna University, Patna, India, for the 1958-1959 school year.

Mrs. Flora Zeto Malekebu, HS '15, wrote President Manley in May from Providence Mission, Cherad-Zulu, Nyasaland, East Africa: "I am sorry to be so long in acknowledging my appreciation of the seventy-five dollars sent me to help us in our continued struggles here. Since our return from America, for the past four weeks or more, the malaria fever and chills caught me unaware not knowing whether life would be mine again. However, I am very grateful to our Lord for sparing me to send all of you a few lines again.

Many buildings are undergoing repairs, and dear old Spelman Hall is one of them. After so many years of grass thatching, we are now covering her and the others with corrugated iron, since the rainy season is over and winter has set in from the end of April until the early part of August. Thank you again for the gift and the *Messenger* as well. Will write again when I am stronger . ."

On April 1, Mrs. Ora Milner Horton, former student, Community Heights, Monrovia Liberia, West Africa, wrote President Manley:

"I do hope you will get this letter before Founders Day, because I realize you dear ones at Spelman have not heard from me for quite a while.

Your very kind letter dated March 19th brought such encouraging news about Spelman together with the love gift of \$75.00. Please know that this particular Spelman tradition that has existed over the forty-two years of my service here in Africa, is a tie that binds our hearts in Christian love, fellowship and understanding.

It is natural for you to want to hear from those of us to whom you send such donations — and it is natural for us to want to write, but so often we are carrying over-crowded schedules that prevent our putting into reality many of the things we plan in our minds to do day after day. . . .

Rev. Horton and I are kept busy directing religious, educational, industrial and social activities. In our Bassa Community project, we have three schools, morning, noon and night, with over one thousand, three hundred students enrolled. It is here in this center that my major activities are carried on as supervising principal of the three schools. The Spelman donation is used chiefly in this project. For the past two years it has added to the small salary of one of the teachers and helped buy paint and white lime to freshen up the school buildings. The gift has a fixed place in our operations and without it the program would lean awkwardly.

It is always refreshing to get a letter from Spelman and especially when the news is concerning the advancement of the institution. May the 1959 Founders Day Program measure up to all of your anticipations. How happy we would be if we could be present."

### ALUMNAE SECRETARY REPORTS

#### FLORIDA

On a recruiting trip in Florida in late February and early March, Alumnae Secretary Ernestine Brazeal enjoyed meeting with Spelmanites in a number of cities. In Jacksonville at the home of Mrs. Seleta Payne, and at West Palm Beach, in the home of Miss Annie Motley, she saw and chatted with a number of alumnae who came to sip coffee with her. In Tampa, in spite of inclement weather, a number of Spelmanites dropped by the home of Miss Frankye Berry to chat with her. Those who were present and reported as living in Tampa are:

Elsa A. Turner, 1415 Jefferson Street Pearl E. Brown Holmes, 1901 Highland Avenue.

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Ada Brown Lomas, 1905 Highland Avenue.

Jewell Holly Archie, 510 West Ross Street.

Rose M. Archie, 510 West Ross Street.

Esther L. Hubert Griffin, 2706 - 23rd Avenue.

Rosemary McArthur Walker, 1922 Walnut Street

Wilhelmina A. Wilson, 4005 - 26th Street.

Roberta W. Brown, 1901 Highland Avenue.

Camille Drayton, 3512 E. Buffalo Avenue.

On Mrs. Brazeal's last stop in Florida, Miami alumnae gathered at the home of Mrs. Susie Hunter Lowrie for coffee. She was delighted to see again students with whom she attended Spelman, students whom she taught and more recent alumnae. The alumnae files include much valuable information as a result of her visits.

## DETROIT

While in Detroit in early August, Mrs. Charles Perkins (Raymond Wigham) invited some friends in for lunch with Alumnae Secretary Ernestine Brazeal. In addition to the hostess, other Spelmanites present were:

Mrs. Laura Hill Anderson, teacher

Mrs. Zenobia White Myles, social worker.

Mrs. Jennie Strickland Partee, homemaker.

Mrs. Nellie Harmon Britten, medical social caseworker

Mrs. Connie Spencer Sabbath, teacher and student in special education in Wayne University Graduate School

Mrs. Clara Stanton Jones, branch librarian

Mrs. Edna Kyle Bell, homemaker

Mrs. Mary Menefee Garvin, homemaker

Miss Mary Jane Crew, Spelman junior Mrs. Rallene Ingram, cosmotologist

Miss Lillian E. Taylor, Chicago Illinois, program director, Women's Service Division, United Charities. WASHINGTON, D. C.

In late April, the Washington, D. C. Spelman Club and the Washington, D. C. Morehouse Club presented Christopher Fry's, "The Lady's Not For Burning," at Arena Stage as one of their money raising projects. A newspaper clipping dated April 28, received in the Alumnae Office showed Mrs. R. L. Davis (Myrtle Bowers) co-chairman; Mrs. Moss H. Kendrix (Dorothy Johnson) chairman of the Spelman Club; and Mr. F. A. Bussey (husband of Lillian Davis) chairman of the Morehouse Club, discussing final arrangements for the full house theater party.

Newly elected officers of the Washington, D. C. Spelman Club are:

Dorothy Johnson Kendrix, president. Lenora Nance Whiteside, vice president.

Myrtle Bowers Davis, secretary.

Lucia Griffin Fuller, treasurer.

The last meeting of the 1958-1959 year was an outdoor picnic held at the home of Mrs. Myrtle B. Davis.

## SPELMAN GRADUATES RECEIVE A. U. DEGREES IN 1959

The following graduates received degrees from Atlanta University at the Commencement exercises on June 1:

Master of Arts in Mathematics — Dorothy Ross Bowie, A.B., 1951.

Master of Science in Biology — Louise Johnson Eagleson, A.B., 1945.

Master of Social Work — Delo Elizabeth Washington, A.B., 1957.

Master of Arts in Education — Charlotte Louise Stanson, A.B., 1954.

At the Summer School Convocation, August 6, the following Spelman graduates received degrees from Atlanta University:

- Master of Science in Mathematics Gladys Thomas, A.B., 1958.
- Master of Science in Library Service Lola Ann Blasingame Evans, A.B., 1952; Evelyn Dorsey Houston, A.B., 1946; Audrey Dolores Daniels Powell, A.B., 1948.

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Master of Arts in Education — Shirley Elisier Doneghy, A.B., 1956; Bettye Delores Peterson, A.B., 1949; Ann Harris Stoddard, A.B., 1947.

Master of Business Administration — Josie Latimer Williams, A.B., 1947.

## CLASS NOTES

# **TPC '03**

Mrs. Clarence C. Walker, who retired some years ago after thirty-seven years in the teaching profession, may be reached at 705 - 12th Street, West Palm Beach, Florida.

#### NT '06

At a recent meeting of the Atlanta Chapter of the Frontiers of America, Mrs. Ludie Andrews, retired nurse, was featured as special guest. Mrs. Andrews, who was head nurse at the Grady Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia, in charge of colored nurses and who served many years as superintendent at MacVicar Hospital, Spelman College, talked about Negro nurses and their early struggles for recognition.

# HS '12

In a recent note from Mrs. Ramon Hill Williams in which she subscribed to the *Spelman Messenger*, she gives her address as 515 Jefferson Street, Americus, Georgia.

#### HS '17

The Spelman Family was shocked and grieved to learn of the sudden death of Mrs. Jacob H. Thompson (Dorothy Mills) May 14, 1959. Mrs. Thompson was a loyal faithful worker in the Philadelphia Spelman Club and held several offices in it during her life time. At the time of her death, she was serving as secretary.

#### **TPC '17**

On April 11, Mrs. Arthur T. Goldsby's (Beatrice Smedley) picture appeared in the Michigan Chronicle along with an article naming her Michigan Chronicle's Mother of the Week. Mrs. Goldsby taught in Alabama before going to Detroit in 1919 where she has lived ever since. Soon after her arrival in Detroit she became widely known for her work in the musical field, producing cantatas, directing choirs, and teaching piano. She qualified as a substitute teacher and taught in the adult education department of the Detroit public school system for more than seventeen years. She was active in the YWCA, the Westside Human Relations Council, the Selma University alumni and Spelman alumnae clubs. Mrs. Goldsby has traveled in the United States and has made two trips to Europe. She and Mr. Goldsby are parents of six children, two daughters and four sons. Until March when she retired, Mrs. Goldsby was engaged as an accompanist for the Detroit Department of Parks and Recreation. Mrs. Goldsby has won the respect and love of the youth of Detroit. To them she is known as "Mama G."

#### HS '19

Mrs. Inez Peppers Lovett, who makes her home at 729 - 20th Street, West Palm Beach, Florida, is a third grade teacher at Pleasant City Elementary School.

#### HS '21

In February, Mrs. Robert E. Blakeney (Annie T. Walker) wrote to the alumnae secretary, ". . . Well, much has transpired since our Spelman acquaintance. I taught two years and went to live with my older sister, Iris (a Spelmanite), and attended Western Reserve. I then taught in Kentucky and later took my M.A. degree from the University of Michigan and have been studying at Harvard for the last four summers. . ."

### C '21

Thanks to Mrs. W. H. McKinney (Ruth Berry) the film "The Spelman Story" was shown to the women at the Women's National Conference held at American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin, July 11-18.

In October, Mrs. McKinney is scheduled to leave Cleveland, her home, "on a fourteen-week tour as an emissary of the American Baptist Foreign Mis-

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sions Societies, to visit the women of mission stations in Japan, the Philippines, Hongkong, Thialand, Burma and India. While on tour she will make a few stops in Europe to view Baptist work . ."

# C '29

According to an article in the Macon, Georgia, daily newspaper, "The Telegraph," Mrs. Aquilla Jones Thompson, instructor of music and English at Ballard-Hudson High School, has the distinction of being the first recipient of the generous McKibben Lane Award of \$250. The award was established in the school year 1958-59 by the widow of the late McKibben Lane, who was for many years a member of the Board of Education and at the time of his death in July, 1956, secretary of the Board of Education. The article reads. "The honor bestowed upon Mrs. Thompson is particularly outstanding, because the award is made only after careful consideration of nominees submitted by school principals to a committee who screen them on the basis of the following criteria: (1) ability to interest students; (2) ability to arouse general intellectual curiosity; (3) ability to make the best use of available facilities.

While the total award is \$500, the committee has the right to divide it between two teachers, or to give the entire amount to one teacher. If division occurs, it must be between one Negro and one white teacher. Mrs. Lane also desires that this award be considered a tribute to the entire teaching profession, its purposes, and its ideals. Certainly a more fitting representative of this noble field cannot be found than Mrs. Aquilla Thompson.

Born in Dublin, Mrs. Thompson is a product of Spelman College in Atlanta, where she earned the A.B. degree, and ot Columbia University, where she received the M.A. degree. She also holds a Supervisor of Student Teaching Certificate issued by the State Department of Education.

An accomplished musician, Mrs. Thompson was trained in this area by

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Professor N. T. Young, Mr. S. P. Kirby, and Mrs. M. L. Clemons. At Spelman College, she studied with Professor Kemper Harreld. She also has undertaken further study in piano under Miss Hazel Harrison, and at the Chicago Musical College, at Juilliard School of Music, and at Atlanta University. Her many other ventures in pursuit of educational broadening include a trip to Europe.

Even before making her mark in the Bibb County system, Mrs. Thompson had made noteworthy contributions elsewhere. These endeavors include serving as director of music at Jackson College, Jackson, Miss., director of music at the State Teachers College in Forsyth. During World War II, Mrs. Thompson served as program director of the USO-YMCA at El Paso, Tex., and Oakland, California. At Ballard-Hudson Senior High School, she has been diligent and indefatigable, serving not only as head of the music department, but also as an instructor of English. Because of her interest and enthusiasm, the Ballard-Hudson Senior High School chorus has earned the rating of "Superior" at the State Music Festival ever since the festival began. In 1957 another signal honor became hers when she was named Teacher of the Year for Bibb County and Region Seven.

Continuing to set a shining example, Mrs. Thompson gives much time to religious and civic work in the community. She is a member of Steward Chapel Church and of the Women's Auxiliary and the Education Commission there. She is a member of the Epsilon Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, and also of the Partisan Social and Savings Club. On several occations she has served as adjudicator for district and state musical festivals, as group leader and consultant of music discussion groups at regional meetings of Region 7.

She is the wife of Joseph A. Thompson and they are the parents of an adopted daughter, Nell.

Surely the services Mrs. Thompson continues to render remain unsurpassed. She is truly a source of pride to her fellow teachers and to her principal; but even more, she is a well-spring of inspiration and confidence in the teaching profession for the many parents and children whose lives she touches."

### HS '30

Mrs. Beautine Hubert DeCosta, who worked in the Children's Agency in New York City during the summer, is a case worker in the city schools of Baltimore, Maryland.

#### C '30

Mrs. Myrtle Lagard Purnell, a high school teacher and counselor in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was a member of the staff of the Atlanta University Followup Language Arts Workshop sponsored by The Phelps-Stokes Fund Project for the Improvement of Instruction in Secondary Schools, June 8 through August 7, 1959.

#### C '31

Mrs. C. Johnson Hubert (Mamie Cabiness) a member of the David T. Howard High School faculty, was recently appointed principal of Georgia Avenue Elementary School in Atlanta, Georgia.

Mrs. Florence Morrison Hogan, principal of the R. L. Craddock Elementary School, Atlanta, Georgia, attended the Scientific Research Association Institute on Reading held in the Netherland-Hilton Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio in June.

### C '32

Mrs. Dewitt Alfred (Oteele Nichols) a high school teacher of Chattanooga, Tennessee, was honored in the Morehouse College Chapel on Sunday morning, May 10, 1959, Mother's Day, by students from Morehouse, Spelman, Clark, and Morris Brown Colleges who had been encouraged to go to college by her. The tribute paid to her by Andre Hammonds came as a complete surprise to Mrs. Alfred, When the outstanding church women of South Fulton County, Georgia were honored in May, Mrs. Lucile Harris, teacher, received the "Educational Award."

## C '33

In a recent communication, Mrs. Alpha Talley English wrote President Manley: "I am a graduate of Spelman College and, of course, throughout the years I have been trying to carry out the high ideals of Spelman. I have been teaching here in my home town for 22 years, and in the meantime, my husband and I have reared a family of seven children. My oldest daughter and I attended the University of Arkansas together summer before last. It was an interesting experience . . ."

### C '34

Mrs. Prudence Arnold Bussey, a fifth grade teacher in the R. L. Craddock Elementary School, Atlanta, Georgia, was selected "Teacher of the Year" for 1958-59.

Mrs. Ulysses G. Mason (Melbahu Bryant), 10618 Wade Park Avenue, Cleveland 6, Ohio, who could not be present for her class reunion, sent greetings and a check for twenty-five dollars to be added to the 1934 class gift.

Miss Virginia Rose Hannon who already holds the master's degree from the Simmons College School of Social Work, Boston, Mass., was one of six students who received a diploma in the program of advanced studies of the Smith College School for Social Work, Northampton, Mass. on September 1, 1959. Presently, Miss Hannon is teaching at the Atlanta University School of Social Work, Atlanta, Georgia.

Mrs. Curtis Miller Scales is a teacher at Adkins High School, Winston-Salem, N. C.

## C '35

Mrs. Jewel Crawford Mazique of Washington, D. C. is visiting in Germany, the Soviet Union, Poland, Czecho-

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slovakia, France, and England for seven weeks this summer.

Mrs. Lucille Pearson Burton of 45 Grail Street, Asheville, N. C. recently attended a workshop at Duke University on a special grant to study science. Mrs. Burton is a high school teacher in the Asheville public school system.

Mrs. Helen Post Caruthers, a third grade teacher in charge of remedial work at Forrest School, Atlanta, Georgia was named "Teacher of the Year" for 1958-59.

Miss Olivia Warmsley makes her home at 2861 Looney Street, Shreveport, Louisiana, and is a librarian in the public school system of Shreveport.

## C '36

Mrs. Roseland Dixon Days was selected "Teacher of the Year" at Jefferson Beavers Elementary School, College Park, Georgia.

Miss Annie L. Motley, assistant principal at Roosevelt High School, West Palm Beach, Florida has moved into her beautiful new suburban home at 1011 Verdun Street, Riviera Beach, Florida.

## C '37

Mrs. Frances T. Stafford (Frances Johnson) attended the 24th annual meeting of the Association of Social Science Teachers April 23-25 at Atlanta University. Mrs. Stafford is a teacher in the department of history, Florida A. and M. University, Tallahassee, Florida.

#### C '38

Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel H. Branham, (Jennie Pritchard) of New York City are the proud parents of their first child, a son, Charles Emanuel, who was born on January 22, 1959.

#### C '39

Sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Doris Gomillion Alexander in the recent death of her mother Mrs. Eva P. Gomillion, in Atlanta, Georgia.

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When the alumnae secretary visited Nassau, Bahamas last spring she found (Anatol Reeves) Mrs. K. V. A. Rodgers busily engaged in the affairs of her city. Listed among her many and varied activities are member of Board of Management, House Committee and Fund Raising Committee of Ranfurly Homes for Children, member of the Southern Public Library, the Juvenile Panel (this deals with punishment of delinquent juveniles brought before the court), and the Board of Management of the Y.W.C.A., treasurer of The Carver Garden Club, member of the Constitution Committee and Education Committee of the Council of Women in the Bahamas and of Queen Mary's London and Bahamas Needlework Guild. Mrs. Rodgers and her highly esteemed husband, Dr. Kenneth V. A. Rodgers, outstanding physician, are parents of three children, Emily, age twelve, Patricia, age ten, and Jonathan, age five.

### C '40

For the past several years, Miss Mable King has been engaged in secretarial work in the Foreign Service of the United States. She was first assigned to Tel Aviv and was there at the time of the Suez crisis. She was evacuated to Rome and assigned as secretary to the Consul-General. When he became Ambassador to Ghana, Miss King went along as his secretary. She returned home in August, 1958, and in September, 1958 enrolled in the Boston University School of Social Work. During the summer, Miss King worked as a secretary in the central office of the Council for Clinical Training of theology students, New York City. She begins her second year at Boston University in September.

Mrs. Joseph H. Hayes (Glenna Stewart) of 1841 Buckingham Road, Los Angeles 19, California, paid a visit to the campus in early May en route to New York City for a vacation. She reported the "doings" of the Los Angeles Club whose organization was spearheaded by her on March 11, 1955. A new address for Mrs. Katheryn Toomer Haynes is Industrial School for Girls, Route 2, P. O. Box 2, Columbia, S. C.

# C '41

Dr. Johnnie Hines Watts, on leave from Tuskegee Institute for 1958-1959, spent the year as Research Fellow under the United States Public Health Service, doing special work with Dr. Marion Swendseid on "Nutrition of Amino Acids," at the University of California at Los Angeles.

#### C '42

In the June, 1959 number of *The Communique* published monthly by The Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association of Washington, D. C. appeared this article about Myrtle Bowers Davis along with a photograph of her and her two daughters:

"One of the newer residents of our community, and one of the most active in community affairs, is Myrtle Bowers Davis. She and her husband, Robert L. Davis, and their two little girls, Patsy,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  and Brenda 8 months old, occupy a charming home at 620 Madison St., N.E.

When Mrs. Davis spoke on "Property Values in a Changing Neighborhood" at our last Citizens Association meeting, she described herself as "just a housewife." To those who know her, this was a great understatement, for Myrtle B. Davis has a most unusual and worldly background.

She was born in Florida, where her father was a farmer. Her mother died when she was very young, and her father sent her to live with an older sister who resided in Newark, New Jersey. It was there that she grew up and attended grade and high schools. Her father was an important lay official in the A.M.E. Methodist Church, and was especially interested in education. His interest in that field encouraged Myrtle to go on toward higher learning. She won a scholarship to Spelman College in Atlanta, Ga., and received the B.A. degree, Magna cum laude.

A Juluis Rosenwald Fellowship sent her to Smith College in Northampton, Mass., where she earned the degree of M.A. She has studied at Oxford University in England on a Carnegie grant, and another fellowship enabled her to spend six months at the Sorbonne in Paris. She did two years of graduate work at the University of Wisconsin, also on scholarships, and if she ever completes her thesis, she will be awarded the Ph.D. degree.

While studying at the University of Wisconsin, she met her husband, who was taking his master's degree in landscape architecture. He is now working for the Public Housing Authority, but he was formerly a professor of landscape architecture at Prairie View A. and M. College in Texas. The Davises have been married for almost ten years.

Mrs. Davis is presently taking night classes in two subjects at the D.C.T.C.; she is business manager of the Commuique, she is on the board of trustees of the Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association, and serves actively on both the Housing and Zoning Committees and the Stabilization Committee. Although Patsy does not enter LaSalle School until September, Myrtle is a member of the P.T.A., and has helped with the School Festival for the last two years. Somewhere, somehow, she also manages to find time to pursue two of her favorite hobbies, reading biographical books, and sewing most of her own and the children's clothing."

#### C '42

Miss Harriett Cunningham is a teacher in the public school system of Los Angeles, California.

## C '42

Miss Nora Patrick is teaching in the French Department of Delaware State College.

### C '42

On June 12, 1959 Mr. and Mrs. Cecil A. Kent, Elizabeth Jane Lipford, of

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Detroit, Michigan, became the happy parents of a baby girl, Jane Elizabeth, their second child.

### C '43

Miss Opal H. Dixon, distributive education training specialist with the Georgia State Department of Education was instructor at the three Food Service Workshops for managers and supervisors held at the Y.W.C.A. Tatnall Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia, April 27-29.

### C '43

A new address for Reverend and Mrs. Jerry Drayton (Susie Jones) is 2027 "K" Court, Winston-Salem, N. C. Dean Irene Asbury who visited Winston-Salem while on a recruiting trip in North Carolina, met with Spelmanites at the home of Mrs. Drayton. She showed the Spelman film and was brought up to date on the activities of Spelman alumnae in the area. Dean Asbury found Mrs. Drayton ably assisting her husband in the work of the progressive New Bethel Baptist Church where he is pastor. Reverend and Mrs. Drayton are the parents of one child, a son, Jerry Alphonzo.

#### C '43

In a recent letter to Mrs. Grace J. Perry, Mrs. Heln Rice Walker, former dean of women, writes: "To let you know that at long last the James A. Walkers have a daughter for Spelman. Cynthia Rene came Sunday night, July 19, at 7:55 p.m. and weighed 7 lbs.  $3\frac{1}{2}$  oz. Nedless to say, we are thrilled and still finding it difficult to believe it's really a girl." Mrs. Walker and children are at 608 Prince Street, Beaufort. South Carolina, while Major Walker is abroad. He is scheduled to return to the states in January, 1960.

### C '44

A new address for Mrs. Ira Wallace Harper is Box 371, Virginia State College, Petersburg, Virginia.

### C '45

Mrs. Annie Brown Kennedy of 13 East 3rd Street, Winston-Salem, N. C.

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and her husband are both engaged in the practice law.

Reverend and Mrs. Samuel Shepherd (Doris Smith) formerly of Brooklyn, New York, and now of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, are the parents of a son Samuel, Jr. The Shepherds have a daughter, Patti.

Mrs. Irene Yopp Curtis is a teacher in the city schools of Los Angeles, California. She and her husband, Mr. Charles Curtis, Jr., a commercial artist with Northrop Aircraft and instructor in commercial art at Dorsey Adult School, are the parents of three fine sons, Charles III, Cedric, and Nolan.

#### C '46

A letter dated April 8, from Mrs. Maxine Baker Maxwell of 1180 Leighton Avenue, Los Angeles 37, California reads ". . . Since my graduation in '46, I have received my diploma in nursing, given birth to two boys who are now seven and eight, and I am currently working toward a Master's degree in social welfare which I will receive in June . . ."

Mrs. Rosa Lee Jolley Miller is a teacher at Allen High School, Asheville, N. C.

Mrs. Gussie Davis Phillips was selected "Teacher of the Year" for 1958-59 at the Ocilla High and Industrial School, Ocilla, Georgia.

Miss Muriel Forrestine Sherwood became the charming bride of Mr. Lincoln Harper in late December, 1958 in a beautiful ceremony at Warren Memorial Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia. Both newly weds are employed by the Atlanta Board of Education.

#### C '47

Mrs. Charlie M. Lovett Ellington teaches the fourth grade in the West Palm Beach, Florida public school system. Her home address is 729 - 20th Street, West Palm Beach. Following her visit to the campus, Miss Rebecca Jackson wrote President Manley: "Thank you for the opportunity to speak to the student body about the Scandinavian Seminar and my own wonderful ten months in Sweden. I enjoyed every moment of my visit. As you know, Spelman is most often closed when I am in town, and I miss all the Commencement exercises, concerts and the like . . .

During the week my former roommate, Irene Asbury, arranged a dinner party for me. It was good to see some of my classmates and teachers again. We spent about an hour or so together in Abby Aldrich. Miss Read, Dr. Albro and one of the House-Mothers came to join us. I sorely regretted missing my ten-year reunion by two days, and this helped to make up for the loss.

Spelman is different now, and it is an exciting difference. The additions to the physical plant are at once evident, and the removal of the alumnae office from the dark, damp basement to its present light and airy location was received with gratitude, I am sure.

However, the most exciting advancement to me, being a teacher, is the increasing awareness of the student body, as borne out through the enthusiasm for overseas study program, and the way in which my words were received.

This is not to say that Spelman has not always expressed this interest and awareness, but merely to recognize the growth and development that is continuing to take place, and the concrete implementation of her ideals.

I was overjoyed to meet some of the "older" students, one of whom was a high school friend of mine. This, to me, is one of the great purposes of education—that a person will want to learn at any age and at any time . . ."

## C '50

Dr. and Mrs. Ben H. Atkinson (Elizabeth Lee) are located in Miami, Florida, where Dr. Atkinson is engaged in the

practice of dentistry. Their address is 5201 N.W. 33rd Avenue, Miami 41.

Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Bell (Clarice Wyatt) are making their home in Atlanta, Georgia. Recently, Dr. Bell announced the opening of his office for the practice of dentistry on McDaniel Street.

# C '51

Mr. and Mrs. Isiah Larkins, (Louise Hembree) of Atlanta, Georgia, are the proud parents of a baby son, their first child, born on Monday, May 4, 1959. The baby has been named Jeffrey Flournoy.

Wilmontine B. Jackson, M.D. who was graduated from Meharry Medical College on June 9, 1959, began her internship at Hubbard Hospital of Meharry Medical College on July 1. Before studying medicine, Dr. Jackson received a certificate in Physical therapy from the Physical Therapy School of the University of Pennsylvania and worked several years as a therapist with the State of Georgia Crippled Children's program.

Deep sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Hugh Smith (Sylvia Potter), who died suddenly on May 25, 1959, in her home in Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

### C '52

Miss Elaine Lewis is studying at Teachers College, Columbia University in the general area of curriculum and teaching and is specializing in childhood education.

From 1429 East 67th Place, Chicago 37, Illinois an announcement of the birth of Janice Lynette Edwards to John L. and Charlye Edwards on February 14, 1959, was received in the alumnae office. Enclosed was a note to Mrs. Brazeal: "John (class of 51, Morehouse) gladly announces the arrival of a future Spelmanite. John is now associated with Lemon, Brooks, and Hodge in the practice of law . . ." Signed Charlye Mae Thompson Edwards.

## C '53

Mrs. Alice Gaston Combs' address is 1608 Glynn, Detroit 6, Michigan.

Mrs. Jesse T. Holmes (Irma Demas) wrote Mrs. Brazeal in early March from 511 W. Mosher Street, Baltimore 17, Maryland:"... I suspect my being here is a surprise to you. I came here to join my husband who is serving an internship at one of the local hospitals, and I was quite fortunate in being placed in the public school system. I am teaching fifth grade ... I have had many occasions to reflect on and appreciate the training and experiences at Spelman. I am proud to hear of its continued progress."

Miss Miriam Huggins served as teacher of arts and crafts in the summer program of the Grady Homes Community Girls Club, Atlanta, Georgia.

Miss Gwendolyn Estelle Mitchell became the bride of Dr. Harold Lloyd Wright in an impressive beautiful ceremony on Friday, June 5, 1959 at five o'clock in the afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Aldus S. Mitchell in Birmingham, Alabama. Dr. and Mrs. Wright are at home at 26 Tuckerman Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

According to a recent newspaper article, Miss Jacqueline Wellington is director of the Ophelia DeVore School of Charm, New York City.

#### C '54

In a letter dated June 25, the former Gloria Gardner wrote Mrs. Brazeal: "I have been trying to get a note to you for the past two weeks. It has been quite a job getting unpacked and becoming a housewife... I want to change my name in the alumnae office. It is now Rosemond — Gloria L. Rosemond, 403 W. Meadow Street, Gaffney, S. C. I am married to a medical doctor here in Gaffney . . . we were married on the 7th of June in Allendale. .

Miss Ann J. Ingram received the M.S.

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degree in elementary education from Fort Valley State College in June, 1959.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lee (Jacquelyn Shelton) make their home at 5130 South Kenwood, Chicago, Illinois. They are the parents of two sons, Shelton Jackson, age two, and Christopher William, age five months.

## C '55

The Alumnae office is always pleased to receive notice of change of address. Altona Johns Anderson has moved from Washington, D. C. to 1220 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia 21, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Fannie Douglas recently announced the marriage of her daughter Billy Joyce to Mr. Percy Lee Cunningham on Friday, June 12, 1959. The newly weds are at home at 10202 Wilbur Avenue, Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Miss Audrey Forbes received the M.D. degree from Meharry Medical College on June, 1959. She is doing her internship at St. Mary's Mercy Hospital in Gary, Indiana.

Mrs. Samuel G. Greene recently announced the marriage of her daughter, Anne Greene, to Captain Roy H. Jones, Jr., United States Army, on Saturday, August 8, 1959 at La Chapelle St. Mesmin, Orleans, France.

Miss Ann M. McCoy received the M.S. degree in social administration from Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, on June 17, 1959.

Reba Wilson was awarded a Delta Gamma Scholarship for six weeks summer study at Syracuse University. The scholarship was awarded through the Sight Conservation and Aid to the Blind Project which is a part of the Delta Gamma Foundation. Miss Wilson is presently employed at Oglethorpe School, Atlanta, Georgia. She makes her home at 1001 Westmoor Drive, N. W.

#### C'56

Mrs. Ida Brownlee Deliford teaches at the Blanche Ely High School and lives

at 516 N.W. 15th Avenue, Pompano Beach, Florida.

Miss Barbara Ann Calhoun is now Mrs. Madison Blount, a teacher in the Jones County, Georgia, public school system. Mr. Blount is employed at Warner Robins Air Force Base.

Mr. and Mrs. William Alfred Hannan (Dorothy Comer) were honored at a reception given by the bride's mother, Mrs. Ann Comer Holloway on May 16, 1959 at the Bamboo Room, Waluhaje Apartments, Atlanta, Georgia. The newly weds are at home at 1599 Ezra Church Drive, N. W., Atlanta.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Parks (Carolyn Faire) of 5710 S. St. Andrews Place, Los Angeles, California, are the happy parents of a baby girl, Dana Lynn, born July 13, 1959.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Constance Estella Glass who died unexpectedly on May 24, 1959, in Macon, Georgia.

On Friday, August 14, 1959, at two o'clock in the afternoon, Patricia Ann Ison became the lovely bride of Mr. Welvin Louis Stroud in the First Congregational Church, Palo Alto, California.

In April, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Jarrett announced the marriage of their daughter, Edna, to Mr. Bob Pettigrew of Evanston, Illinois. Mrs. Pettigrew is a primary teacher at J. F. Beavers School, College Park, Georgia. Mr. Pettigrew is on duty with the U. S. Army Air Defense forces at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Gurney Pearsall (Patricia Moody) are the happy parents of a daughter, Lise Reneé, born on March 21, in Nashville, Tennessee.

Mrs. Bernice Woolfolk Bufford is employed in the public school system of Detroit, Michigan.

#### C '57

Miss Nannie Archie was married to Mr. Wilson Henderson on April 4 in the Danforth Chapel, Morehouse College campus, Atlanta, Georgia.

Miss Ray Frances Chatman received the M.M.E. degree from the School of Music, Indiana University in August, 1959.

At the annual Morehouse-Fisk basketball game held in Chicago, Illinois, in March, Miss Rose Marie Harris reigned as "Miss Morehouse." Miss Harris is an active member of the Chicago Spelman Club.

On Sunday afternoon at five o'clock, March 5, 1959, Miss Alice Aurelia Holly became the lovely bride of Mr. Alphonso Scott at Second Baptist Church, Holt, Alabama.

Miss Rosa Lee Rice and Mr. Roy Edward Hadley were married in a beautiful ceremony at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Atlanta, Georgia, on June 13, 1959.

Miss Delo Washington who received the M.S. in S.W. degree from Atlanta University, in June, 1959 sends 4051 Boring Street, Philadelphia, Pa. as her new address. Miss Washington is a case worker at the Bureau for Child Care in Philadelphia.

## C '58

Miss Patricia Carter is teaching third grade in the Washington, D. C. public school system.

On June 28, 1959 at Wheat Street Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, Miss Helen Lenora Davis became the bride of Mr. Willie Frank Little. Mrs. Little is a teacher in the Atlanta public school system.

Miss Pauline Drake received the M.A. degree in English from Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio, at the summer commencement exercises. Miss Drake, a 1958 honor graduate of Spelman, is a teacher in the English department of John Adams High School, Cleveland, Ohio.

On March 21, at Big Bethel A.M.E.

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Church, Atlanta, Georgia, Miss Barbara Fisher became the charming bride of Mr. Kenneth Troup.

Miss Nancy Menchan's new name and address are Mrs. David Paschal, 1150 N.W. 60th Street, Miami 37, Florida.

A letter from Miss Jacquelyn C. Redd informs us that she is secretary to the director of public relations of Group Health Insurance, Inc., New York City. Miss Redd's address is 1990 7th Avenue, No. 21, New York City 26.

In a beautiful setting, marked with dignity and solemnity, Miss Helen Olivia Sawyer became the bride of Mr. Adolphus Wimbs Plump, Jr. (Morehouse College, '57) at six o'clock Wednesday, June 10, in Mt. Zion A. M. E. Church, Montgomery, Alabama. After the reception which followed the wedding, the happy couple left for their honeymoon at the Hotel Sherman, Chicago, Illinois.

The current address of Miss Shirley Starnes is 20 West 115th Street, Apt. 4H, New York City 26.

Miss Paula Sullivan and Mr. George N. Hawthorne were married in a beautiful ceremony on Saturday, June 6, 1959, at ten o'clock in the morning in Saint Richards Church, Pittsburgh 19, Pennsylvania.

Miss Janet E. Webster is studying in the department of education at Wayne State University and doing part-time teaching in the Detroit public school system.

## C'59

Jane Bond spent the summer travelling abroad. Countries visited were Tunisia, Italy, France, and England. She returned home in August and is now enrolled in the department of psychology, Indiana University, where she also is serving as graduate assistant.

Miss Dorothye Ruth Carithers and the Reverend Cornelius Linton Henderson

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were married on Sunday, June 7, 1959 at five o'clock at Mount Calvery Baptist Church, Commerce, Georgia.

The up-to-date address of Mrs. Esther Childs Mitchell is 34 Sunset Avenue, N. W., Atlanta 14, Georgia.

Jeanelle Stovall recently joined the staff of the Institute of International Education as a program assistant in the office of the president, New York City.

Among the newly elected teachers who reported for work in the Atlanta public school system on September 1, are:

High School—Anna L. Bell, Dorothye R. Carithers, Jacquelyn C. Johnson, Jamie D. Johnson, Eva Stroud, Ara A. Yates, Millicent E. Peters and Betty Ann Watson.

Elementary School—Priscilla A. Anderson, Eva E. Marshall, Mary Lou Peters, Margaret V. Rucker, Roedean D. Strong and Eunice E. Strong.

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Barbara McAllister, Mary Lou McDowell, Esther Childs Mitchell, Huellen Delores Morgan, Marva Christina Morgan, Miriam Richardson Norwood, Elizabeth O'Kelley, Veleria Flournoy O'Kelley, Harriette Eugenia Owens, Janie Irene Owens, Arminta Partridge, Dorothy Monice Robinson, Yvonne Marie Robinson, Edolya Marshall Smith, Eleanor Louise Smith, Jacquelyn Yvonne Smith, Irene Stokes, Jean Elizabeth Strickland, Roedean Dorathia Strong, Eva Stroud, Arie Louise Washington, Christine Fears Weems, Theresa Wiggins, Joan Marie Wilkerson, Ara Ann Yates.

Receiving the Bachelor of Science degree with honors was Joan A. E. Anthony. Others receiving the Bachelor of Science degree were Barbara Joan King, Eva Earlene Marshall, Gloria Ophelia Miller.

