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Graduating Exercises At The College Today

Dr. Walter Patten Delivers Address; Trustees Request Expansion Program

At the graduation exercises held this morning in Austin Auditorium at East Carolina Teachers College, Dr. Walter Patten, president of Louisburg College, told the ECTC graduates that they were the rear-guard of the 37,000 students who have passed through the halls of the institution and the recipients of the great heritage which has been accumulated through the years. He then outlined the soul traits of a good teacher—radiance, inquisitiveness, knowledge, imagination, power to inspire, self-confidence, good appearance, patience and moral integrity. He closed with the statement that "Teaching is the greatest of arts."

Dr. Patten is a former pastor of Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church in Greenville, and spoke of his pleasure in visiting the city and college. He lauded the founders of the college, whose work he had known.

Forty-seven graduates from twenty-six counties received degrees: twenty-eight the B. A. degree, eleven the B. S. degree, and eight the M. A. degree.

The exercises opened with the processional of the graduates. Miss Eleanor Etheridge was at the piano. The audience then sang the national anthem, led by Dr. Karl V. Gilbert. The Rev. Robert Bradshaw pastor of the Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church in Greenville, offered a prayer. Dr. Howard J. McGinnis, acting president of the college, then introduced Dr. Patten, whose address followed. Degrees were then awarded. The exercises closed with the singing of "Old North State."

The board of trustees of the college held its regular meeting at the

Finalist



Dr. Walter Patten, president of Louisburg College, and former pastor of Jarvis Memorial Methodist church, of this city, delivered the commencement address to the graduates of East Carolina Teachers' College, summer term, here this morning.

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member of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. He is a graduate of the Philadelphia Musical Academy, where he also taught for seven years. He taught ten years at Juanita College in Huntington, Pa., where he conducted the Juanita College Symphony Orchestra and the Huntingdon Music Club Choral Society. For five years he was director of the Music Department of Geneva College in Beaver Falls, Pa., and conductor of the Geneva College Choir, which toured the eastern part of the United States each year and sang over WEAFF for two years. He did further study at New York University, the University of Rochester, and the Eastman School of Music. He also studied in the Berkshire Music Center which is the Boston Symphony School in Tanglewood, Mass. Geneva College conferred the degree of Mus. Doc. on him in 1942.

The financial report for the past year was presented. Also proposals for the next biennium involving considerable expansion were presented. These included requests for a number of new teachers: requests for three new positions—a dean of the college, a director of practice teaching, and a director of public relations and student welfare. It was further proposed to request a gymnasium, a dormitory for girls, a student union building, the conversion of Ragsdale Hall into a boys' dormitory, and a dormitory for teachers. The proposals will be submitted to the State Budget Commission.

Below are listed the graduates by counties:

Anson, B. S.: Margaret Liles.
 Bladen: B. A.: Wilma Lewis; M. A.: Palmer Holt.
 Buncombe: B. A., Pansie Deal.
 Columbus: B. S.: Ophelia Hooks.
 Cumberland: B. A.: Bobby Lou Martin, Jean Strickland.
 Duplin: B. A.: Mary Elizabeth Harring; B. S.: Virginia Knowles.

Edgecombe: B. S.: Frances Robertson; M. A.: Mrs. Luella Stancill.
 Franklin: B. A.: Sybil Horton, Doris Moore.

Gates: B. S.: Nell Louise Carter.
 Granville: B. A.: Mary Alice Cozart.

Greene: M. A.: Minnie May Whittington.

Halifax: B. A.: Clellie Mizelle.
 Hertford: B. S.: Elizabeth Matthews.

Johnston: B. A.: Alice Elizabeth Ferrell, Mildred Johnson, Margaret Ricks, Mary Elizabeth Roberts, Virginia Uzzle; B. S.: Elizabeth Creech.

Montgomery: B. S.: Jean McKinnon Hubbard.

Nash: B. A.: Annie Britton Bartholomew.

Northampton: B. A.: Edith Bradley.

Onslow: B. A.: Mildred Grace Taylor.

Pasquotank: B. A.: Mrs. Maxine Hopkins Lane; M. A.: Mrs. Erma Small Turner.

Perquimans: B. A.: Dixie Chappell, Mildred Copeland.

Pitt: B. A.: Betsy Hobgood, Mrs. Blanche Weldon Jackson, Alma Simmons, Lucy Cottrell Smith; B. S.: Lucille Davis, James Worsley; M. A.: Mrs. Joyce Hill Hales, Mrs. Marjorie Phillips, Mrs. Ivy Cooke Snyder.

Robeson: M. A.: Mrs. Mattie Jackson Barnes.

Sampson: B. A.: Floridel Kennedy.

Union: B. A.: Mrs. Nell Marsh Helms.

Vance: B. A.: Sallie Norwood.

Wake: B. S.: Mary Ann Rogers.

Wilson: B. A.: Edith Wilkerson.

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