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## TUNE DETECTIVE SIGMUND SPAETH LECTURES HERE

Is Well Known Author, Motion Picture and Radio Artist

AROUSES QUICK RESPONSE FROM COLLEGE AUDIENCE  
Dr. Spaeth Defines Music and Discusses Five Factors in its Organization

The remarkable stage personality and musical ability of Dr. Sigmund Spaeth, well known author, lecturer, and radio artist who appeared at East Carolina Teachers College on April 22 in a unique musical lecture program, held the interest of his audience from the opening "Coo-Coo notes" until the signature, "Yes, We Have No Bananas." His engaging personality aroused a quick response as he combined his musical ability with the ability to speak. The method was so pleasant, even hilarious, that one almost forgot how effective the method was from the standpoint of musical education. "A sense of music is common to all of us," said Dr. Spaeth, "but the enjoyment of music is an art—an art realized only through careful listening."  
He defined music as the organization of sound for beauty, and explained that there are five factors in the organization of music: rhythmic pattern, melody, harmony, form, and tone color. An interesting sidelight that developed was that Chopin's Funeral March and Mendelssohn's Wedding March have identical rhythmic patterns.  
As his signature number the Tune Detective played "Yes, We Have No Bananas," and traced the various melodies in the song to five older songs: "Hallelujah Chorons," "Bring Back My Bonnie To Me," "Bohemian Girl," "Aunt Dinah's Quilting Party," and "Old Fashioned Garden." "The only new element in the song," he said, "was the 'bananas'."  
Attitude Not Frivolous  
Dr. Spaeth explained that although his attitude toward music might appear somewhat frivolous, such is not at all the case. He is really a serious minded musician. (Please turn to page three)

### Musical T-Man



Sigmund Spaeth, who on April 22, pleased the audience in the Robert H. Wright auditorium here with his inimitable "tune detecting." "Swing music can't last," he says in interview

## EDITOR SAUNDERS ADDRESSES NCCPA AT HIGH POINT

Seven Delegates From This College Attend Press Convention; "Hi-Po" Is Host

Seven representatives of East Carolina Teachers College publications attended the annual spring convention of the North Carolina Collegiate Press Association, which convened at High Point, April 22-24. W. O. Saunders, colorful editor of the Elizabeth City Daily Independent, delivered the main address at the banquet given in the ballroom of the Sheraton Hotel on Friday evening. He spoke on the small town newspaper and the training it offers the young man or woman seeking a well rounded newspaper experience.  
Attending from this college were: Louise Martin, present business manager of The Teco Echo; Ray Pruette and Marjorie Watson, newly elected editor and business manager of the newspaper; Maggie Crumpler and Beatrice Hammond, editor and business manager of The Tecoan; and Margaret Davis, and Mildred McDonald, newly elected editor and business manager of the yearbook.  
The official opening and first business session was held Friday morning at 10:00. A luncheon in the High Point College dining room came at 1:30 o'clock, at which time Dr. G. I. Humphreys welcomed the delegates in behalf of the host school.  
Group Meetings Held  
Group meetings for a discussion of the special problems of the editors and business managers of the publications represented got underway Friday afternoon at 3:00. M. L. Patrick, of the Greensboro Daily News, led the discussion for editors of college newspapers; C. B. Owens, of the High Point College (Please turn to page three)

## MEMBERS OF FACULTY HERE REPRESENT COLLEGE AT NCEA MEETING

President L. R. Meadows, Dr. H. J. McGinnis, and Misses Jenkins, Hyman, and Wahl were elected delegates to the ECTC unit of the N. C. Education Association, which met in Durham the latter part of last week.  
The alternates were Miss Spangler and Miss Adams.  
Miss Elizabeth Hyman is chairman of the ECTC unit which has one hundred per cent membership from the faculty.  
Miss Eunice McGee is secretary and treasurer.  
President Meadows, Dr. McGinnis and Misses Spangler and Jenkins were the four who represented the College in one of the episodes of the pageant giving the history of education in North Carolina which was presented in the Duke stadium last Friday night.

## MISS REDWINE SPEAKS AT APRIL MEET OF CLASSROOM TEACHERS ORGANIZATION

Miss Annie Redwine, a member of the faculty of East Carolina Teachers College, as critic teacher of the first grade in the Training School, spoke to the class on problems in reading to the Classroom Teachers Organization of the Washington Administrative Unit, at their April meeting. Her topic was reading problems from the first grade through the High School.  
Her contribution to the reading conference held at the College some weeks ago made such an impression on the officers of the organization that they asked her to enlarge on the subject presenting it to them more in detail. She was also requested to bring the latest findings on classification of pupils.

## JUNIOR PROM IS ATTENDED BY 400

Modernistic Designs Make Robert H. Wright Auditorium Scene of Rare Beauty

### MISS CATHERINE HOLTZCLAW DESIGNER OF DECORATIONS

Dr. Slay and Clifton Britton Plan Ingenious Lighting; Lew Gogerty and His Orchestra Play for Occasion

Modernistic designs brought out in modern materials and by ingenious lighting made the Robert H. Wright auditorium a scene of rare beauty, and thrilling interest for the Junior-Senior Prom on Saturday night, April 17, which was attended by over 200 couples.  
Miss Catherine Holtzclaw, assisted by Miss Elizabeth Copeland, president of the junior class was the designer of the decorations, and Miss Fannie Brewer, chairman of the program committee, and Roy Barrow carried out the plans, with members of the committee helping them.

Dr. R. J. Slay, faculty adviser, and Clifton Britton, planned and carried out the lighting scheme, assisted by others.  
The bands of color cast on the changing lights reflected from the revolving crystal ball, kept the interest in the effects throughout the evening.  
Miss Doris Mewborn was chairman of the refreshment committee. She and her staff of Freshman and Sophomore girls in their raw satin ensembles with checkerboard trimmings, added another modernistic touch. The favors were small vases for the women and match boxes with mirrors for the men.  
Special guests were: Dr. and Mrs. Meadows, Dr. and Mrs. Slay, Mr. and Mrs. Cummings, Miss Holtzclaw and guest, Miss Hunter and guest, Miss E. Smith and guest, Dr. and Mrs. Frank, Miss Bingham and guest, Miss Schnyder and guest.  
Chaperones were: Mr. Stephen and guest, Mr. Johnson and guest, Dr. Flanagan and guest, Miss Mack and guest, Miss Washington and guest, Miss Jenkins and guest, Miss Greene and guest, Dr. and Mrs. Mc- (Please turn to page two)

## CONCERT TONIGHT

The first concert of the year presented by the combined musical organizations will be presented this evening in the Wright building.  
The program of the women's chorus will consist of three numbers: "The Green Cathedral," "Calm Be Thy Sleep," and "Mistress Margarita."  
The men's glee club will also sing three selections: "Dedication" by Franz-Daggett, "Mosquitoes" by Bliss, and "Death Rides High" by James.  
The mixed chorus will sing "Dear Land of Home" by Sibelius, and "Mountains" by Rasbach-Aslanoff.  
The college orchestra will play the following numbers: "Poem," Fubich; "Moment Musical," Schubert; "Andante Cantabile," Tchaikowsky; "Hungarian Dance," Brahms; "The Bohemian Girl," Baife.  
Accompanists will be Nola Walters and Mary Evelyn Thompson.

## Swing Music Nothing New, Says Spaeth In Interview

By GEORGE WILLARD  
"Swing music is nothing new, but represents a throwback to the raucous jazz of World War days," declared Dr. Sigmund Spaeth, popularly known as the Tune Detective, in an interview given prior to his appearance in Wright Auditorium here on April 22. He said that the only difference in the improvised jazz of 1917 and the swing music of today, is that it is now played much better. The swing variety is not a new type of music, but simply another way of playing jazz. It differs greatly from Paul Whiteman's sweet jazz. Benny Goodman in Dr. Spaeth's opinion is tops in the "swing" division.  
When asked how long swing music will be the rage, the well known lecturer and radio artist replied that it cannot last long. "For one reason, it distorts the conventions of music such as the rhythmic pattern, melody, harmony, tone color, and form!"  
Is Expert Witness  
Recently Dr. Spaeth has been in (Please turn to page three)

### NCSF President



Judson White, who was recently elected president of the North Carolina federation of students. Besides being a senior representative on the Men's Council here, he is also Secretary of the local chapter, Phi Sigma Pi, national honor fraternity.

## JUD WHITE MADE PRESIDENT NCSF

Other Delegates from East Carolina Teachers College Attend Convention at Greensboro

Judson White, member of the Senior class at East Carolina Teachers College, was elected president of the North Carolina federation of students at the concluding business session of the student government conference held in Greensboro, April 15-17. White succeeds William Aycock, recently elected president of the southern federation of college students, who presided over the meetings.  
White has been prominent as a member of the Men's Student Council here during the past year, and it was while representing the organization that the honor was bestowed upon him. Other delegates from this college attending the conference were: Elizabeth Dixon Johnson, Rebecca Watson, Josie Hall, and Ruth Kiker, who was chairman of the nominating committee.  
Other Officers Elected  
Other officers elected during the final business session included: Miss Alma Hall, of Woman's College, Greensboro, vice president; Lyndon Wilson, of Guilford College, secretary (Please turn to page three)

## HIGH SCHOOL DAY IS OBSERVED BY THREE THOUSAND

Over Eighty High Schools in Twenty-five Counties are Represented

### PRES. MEADOWS ADDRESSES SENIORS AT NOON MEETING

Answers Questions "Why Go To College?" and "What to Consider in Making a Choice of Colleges?"

Approximately 2,000 high school seniors from twenty-five counties and over eighty high schools, mainly in the Eastern part of the state were guests here Thursday, April 18, at the Second Annual High School Day. They, with several principals, three superintendents, a number of teachers, and 1,000 college students celebrated one of the most successful events of the year.  
By 10:30 o'clock the campus from Cotten Hall to the Training School and Athletic Field was well filled. After registration at the Wright building, tours over the campus were made by individual groups with student guides. Due to the excellent organization of the program, and the efficient execution of duties by twelve committees of faculty members and students confusion was reduced to a minimum.  
The group assembled at the city swimming pool at 11:30; and, headed by Elizabeth Dixon Johnson and "Hoot" Gibson, Student Government Presidents, was led by the Wilson High School band to the Wright building. They marched double file with representatives of each county together. At the Robert H. Wright building placards for each county group were placed about the auditorium.  
Dr. C. L. Adams conducted the roll call of counties, and in his introductory remarks explained the real purpose of High School Day was to interest them in going to some college, whether it be this one or some other.  
President Meadows Group  
President Meadows then welcomed the group to the campus, further emphasizing what Dr. Adams had said.  
In addressing the seniors he asked two questions foremost in their minds: first, "Why go to college," and second, "What to consider in making a choice of colleges?" In answering the first he pointed out that most leaders whom they would like to follow are college graduates. Therefore greater opportunity to render service to humanity would be a most important advantage in going to college. The increased pleasure out of living that one gets when he is better trained was given as another reason for attending college. In answering the second question he gave five criteria by which to judge a college when making a choice; the faculty, the equipment, the standing, the spirit, and the product.  
Included on the morning's program were several selections by the girls' glee club and the boys' glee club of the college and the singing of "Carolina" by the whole group.  
After a barbecue luncheon on back campus at 12:50, a picture show in Austin and dancing at the Wright building were enjoyed until 3:15, at which time a baseball game (Please turn to page two)

## SCIENCE CLUB TO FEATURE DR. H. A. WEBB ON APRIL 30

Here Tomorrow



Pictured above is Dr. Hanor A. Webb, of George Peabody College, who will appear here tomorrow night and Saturday morning in a series of talks sponsored by the Science Club.

Will Speak on "Enrichment of the High School Sciences"; Also Will Conduct Open Forum on Saturday a.m.

350 INVITATIONS HAVE BEEN SENT HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS

Durwood Stowe, President of the Club, Will Preside Over the Meeting Friday Night; Primrose Carpenter to Make Short Talk Saturday

Dr. Hanor A. Webb, head of the Chemistry Department at George Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee, and Editor of Current Science, will be featured by the Science Club here tomorrow night, April 30, at eight o'clock in Austin auditorium. At that time, Dr. Webb will speak on "Enrichment of the High School Sciences," and since the meeting will be open to the public, a large gathering is expected. Three hundred and fifty invitations have been mailed to high school science teachers in this and surrounding counties, a large number of which have been acknowledged and accepted during the past week. Professors Satterfield and Showalter, of N. C. State College; Professor Preston, of the University of North Carolina; and Dr. Highsmith, of the State Department, have also expressed their intention of being here tomorrow night.  
At six o'clock in the Dining Hall, dinner will be served Dr. and Mrs. Webb; Dr. Charles E. Little, vice president of Peabody College; President and Mrs. Meadows; Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Slay; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cummings; teachers in the science department here; officers of the Science Club; and other special guests. Mr. Cummings is Mrs. Webb's brother.  
Durward Stowe, president of the Science Club, will preside over the meeting Friday night.  
Open Forum  
On Saturday morning, May 1, Dr. Webb will conduct an Open Forum in the Science Building, answering whatever questions arise from the floor regarding the organizing of science clubs. Preceding this discussion, Primrose Carpenter, a member of the local club, will give a cross-section view of the activities of his organization during the past year. Fannie Brewer, vice president, will preside Saturday morning.  
Dr. Webb is the author of several widely read science books and recently was elected president of the National Association for Research in Science Teaching.  
Officers of the Science Club, and advisers, expressed the general opinion yesterday that they were unusually fortunate in securing the services of Dr. Webb. Miss Loraine Hunter, teacher of biology, received her M.A. degree under Dr. Webb.

## TECO ECHO GIVEN HIGH RATING IN NATION CONTEST

Is Classed Among Seven Best Bi-weeklies in U. S. Published by Four Year Teachers Colleges

Member of The Teco Echo staff and their advisers were overjoyed early last week when they received an announcement that the bi-weekly publication had received First Class Honor Rating in the Associated Collegiate Press seventeenth annual Critical Service. The local newspaper made a score of 755 points, whereas only 680 were required, and missed by only 25 points the All American Honor Rating coveted by the 347 papers from 34 universities, liberal arts and teachers colleges, but attained by only a few.

While The Teco Echo was classed among bi-weeklies from teachers colleges, only seven of which made the first honor rating, the scoring was the same in all classes. Most of the other colleges that were rated high have schools or departments of journalism and their papers are staffed by honor men in the department, while East Carolina Teachers College not only has no department of journalism but has not even a course in journalism.  
Four other college papers in the state received the first honor rating: The Daily Tar Heel, of the University of North Carolina; The Technican, of N. C. State College; Old Gold and Black, of Wake Forest; and the Hi-Po, of High Point College.

### Score Sheet Analysis

The score sheet giving the analysis, exact grading, and notes on the quality of the paper, prepared by judges from the Department of Journalism at the University of Minnesota, rated particularly high the coverage of campus news such as administrative and academic of (Please turn to page three)

## "All-Night Lights" Voted Trial By The Student Body

As a result of action taken by the student body in two recent mass meetings the lights in the dormitories have remained on day and night since Thursday, April 15, instead of being turned on only during cloudy days and until eleven o'clock each night.  
Experimental Period  
The remainder of this quarter will be used as an experimental period, so the cost of lights at all hours may be determined. Power comes from the college plant until eleven, and from the Greenville plant be-

tween eleven and six-thirty o'clock. The figures obtained from this experiment will be presented to the board in attempting to make the action of the student body permanent.  
At the first mass meeting the students voted to support a movement to secure all-night lights, agreed to pay for the lights, and decided that a request for lights be made.  
The committee appointed to make any necessary arrangements (Please turn to page three)

### YWCA MUSICAL PROGRAM IS HELD AT COLLEGE LAKE

Vespers at the lakeside, at the twilight hour on April 18 made a deep impression on the college audience gathered on one side of the lake. A quartette composed of Misses Edna Earle Perry, Catherine Cheek, Frances Curran and Margaret Wycoff, standing on the opposite side of the lake, sang "Day is Dying in the West."  
The entire program was musical and the entire group sang "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," "In the Garden," "Have Thine Own Way Lord," and "Near the Cross."





