



The Coventry Nativity Play Acclaimed Success By Local Playgoers And Critics

Players, Chorus Join For Beautiful Christmas Drama

The Coventry Nativity Play, which was presented by the Teachers Playhouse assisted by the Women's chorus of East Carolina Teachers college in five performances beginning on Friday afternoon of last week, was a major event of the pre-Christmas season both on the campus and in the city of Greenville. Combining beautiful scenes, fine acting, and an outstanding program of music, the drama, a 500-year-old play dating back to medieval times, is the type of production which one seldom has an opportunity to see and which one cannot afford to miss. A superb cast headed by Claude West, Dorothy Thomas, Virgil Clark, Miles Buck, John Pournaras, and many others gave the college and eastern North Carolina a memorable experience in playgoing when they appeared in this renowned play.

The play itself explains the importance and significance of the Teachers Playhouse production from a religious, historical and an artistic point of view. Time-honored and replete with the spirit of reverence which characterized the Middle Ages, it belongs to the early English religious drama. It is a part of one of four great cycles of plays presented in England in medieval times and known among scholars as miracle, or mystery plays. It is associated with the town of Coventry in England and belongs to the group of dramas known as the Coventry cycle.

The Teachers Playhouse production of this early church drama offered the audiences a number of memorable scenes in the great Christmas

story: the Annunciation, in which the Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin that she will bear a son; the shepherds' seeing the star in the East and hearing the angelic choir; the revelation to Mary and Joseph, seeking shelter, of the stable and the manger by cherubs; Herod's frustrated raging because of the flight to Egypt; and the Adoration tableau, in which the shepherds and the Magi kneel in worship before the Holy Family.

Dr. Lucile H. Charles, able director of the Teachers Playhouse who has produced at the college plays of a high order of merit, was director of the play. Dan E. Vornholt of the faculty, and the Women's Chorus, which he directs, gave a full program of music as part of the performance. A speaking choir of fourteen voices directed by Dr. Charles added a novel element to the play, and as members of Herod's court contributed effectively to the action of the play.

Community Helps With Play

The series of performances was a community project, for the players had the cooperation of educators of the city and county and of many civic and church groups. J. H. Rose, superintendent of city schools; D. H. Conley, county superintendent of schools; Reba Proctor, supervisor in the county schools; other school officials and city and county teachers helped with arrangements to enable school children to attend. The American Association of University Women, headed by Nell Stallings of the college faculty, endorsed the play, and with Mrs. Charles W. Reynolds as chairman, was in charge of the sale of tickets. Eli Bloom, local attorney,

aided the business staff. The local press and radio station gave valuable publicity to the production.

The cast and staff numbered more than 100 students. Specially built scenery in keeping with the simplicity of the play, costumes designed and made for the performance, and music including numbers arranged by Mr. Vornholt for the production made the play beautiful to the eye and to the ear.

Nativity Cast

Dr. Charles was assisted in directing the play by Geraldine Weathers, Susan Smith and Donald Blood. Herbert Johnson headed the technical staff, and had as his assistants Robert Robinson and A. E. Manning. Costume arrangements were managed by Donald Blood, chairman, Virginia Whitehurst, Margaret Mason and Geraldine Weathers. Other members of the technical crew were: properties, Delorene Phthisic and Virginia Whitehurst; make-up, Barbara Redditt, Ophelia Kirvin and Norma Davis; stage manager, Bob Chinnis, assisted by Helen Winslow; house manager, A. J. Abdalla, assisted by Floyd "Tom" Collins; and prompter, Helen Winslow.

Virgil Clark was business manager and publicity chairman of the production, and had as his assistants Charles Williams and Carl Conner. Helen Winslow was program chairman. Ticket sales were handled by Co-chairmen Lorine and Lorise Lewis, who had as their assistants Pat Sutton, Edith Williams and Bill Skarren. The college marshalls served as ushers for the drama; and Virgil Clark served as bookkeeper.

250 Pitt County Teachers Attend Seasonal Party

College Faculty Help Carry Out Program

Approximately 250 teachers from 150 Pitt County schools were present at the Winterville school Wednesday evening for a Christmas party sponsored by the Greenville, Pitt County, and East Carolina Teachers college units of the North Carolina Education association. In charge of the event were the presidents of the three local branches of the state organization, Mrs. Beecher Flanagan, Pitt County; Mrs. Lindsay Savage, Greenville; and Dr. J. L. Oppelt, East Carolina Teachers college.

Fodie Hodges, principal of the Belvoir school, acted as master of ceremonies, and led guests in a series

of games, stunts, and contests. Jane Hadley of the Greenville city schools, chairman of the program committee, assisted in carrying out the program. A series of Christmas carols led by Dr. Karl V. Gilbert and Dr. Oppelt, with Mrs. Albert Tyson of Grifton at the piano, and a Virginia reel led by Nell Stallings of the college faculty were features of the evening.

The gymnasium of the Winterville school was attractively decorated for the entertainment. The serving table designed by Ayla Taylor of the Winterville school was made attractive with a cake model of the school building and other holiday decorations.

Gifts were distributed from a Christmas tree by Hodges and Principal Newman Lewis of the Chicod school. At the close of the evening many guests returned their gifts so that they might be used later to brighten the holidays of needy children of the county.

Now, WHAT DID I COME DOWN HERE FOR?



Fleming, Austin Attend SMLA Meet During Holidays

James L. Fleming, director of the department of foreign language at East Carolina, and Marguerite Z. Austin, faculty member of the department, attended the eighteenth annual meeting of the South Atlantic Modern Language Association during the Thanksgiving holidays. Ellen Rion Caldwell of the faculty accompanied them on the trip and visited relatives in Florida during the holidays.

The SMLA, a scholarly organization including in its representatives of colleges and universities of the southeastern states, will hold its next annual meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Art Department Installs Kiln

The art department of East Carolina Teachers college has recently installed an amaco electric kiln to be used in the modeling classes for bak-

ing work done by students. The kiln, a number 10, and one of the finest and most expensive on the market, has a firing chamber large enough to fire vases, statuettes, bowls, and all kinds of dishes.

During the winter quarter the art department is offering a course in clay modeling which includes firing of wares as well as modeling. No prerequisite is required for this course and classes are open to anyone interested in modeling.

Mildred Oakes Joins Committee

Mildred Oakes of Hookerton, senior at East Carolina, will act as student chairman of the chapel committee of the college during the winter quarter. She replaces Ellen Joyce Clark, Everetts, and Emma Louise Gurley, Goldsboro, who were co-chairman during the fall quarter.

Others on the committee for the winter quarter are Lola Carrowan, Pinetown; George Morris, Winston-Salem, president of the college YMCA; Jean Bostian, Wilmington, president of the YWCA; and Claude B. West, Jr., Greenville, Dr. Lucile Charles is faculty advisor of the group.

Dean Jenkins Suggests Tenth-Year Rest Plan For Teachers

Tenth-Year Rest Plan Will Give Time For Travel

Dean Leo W. Jenkins of East Carolina Teachers college suggests in the "American School Board Journal" for November, a plan permitting teachers to enjoy a year's leave of absence each tenth year of service. Dr. Jenkins' article entitled "A Tenth-Year Rest Plan for Teachers" proposes a self-supporting plan for a year of travel, study, or rest. He points out that it can be financed by the teachers themselves and cites various advantages to the recipients and to the schools granting the leaves.

"The entire expense necessary for this year's leave," says Dean Jenkins, "is to be borne by the recipient of the leave based on a ten-year financing plan. It is to be the teacher's

responsibility to defray the expense for hiring a substitute teacher to fill the vacancy thus created at the prevailing substitute's salary scale. There should be as near as possible ten equal yearly payments which in turn should be returned to the teacher in ten equal monthly payments." During the leave, Dean Jenkins proposes, the teacher would receive his regular salary from the school board.

Among advantages of the plan, Dean Jenkins says, are the professional growth of the teacher on leave, the organization in the school of a corps of capable and efficient substitute teachers, and the opportunity for the beginning teacher to gain experience in a school where supervision and organization are superior.

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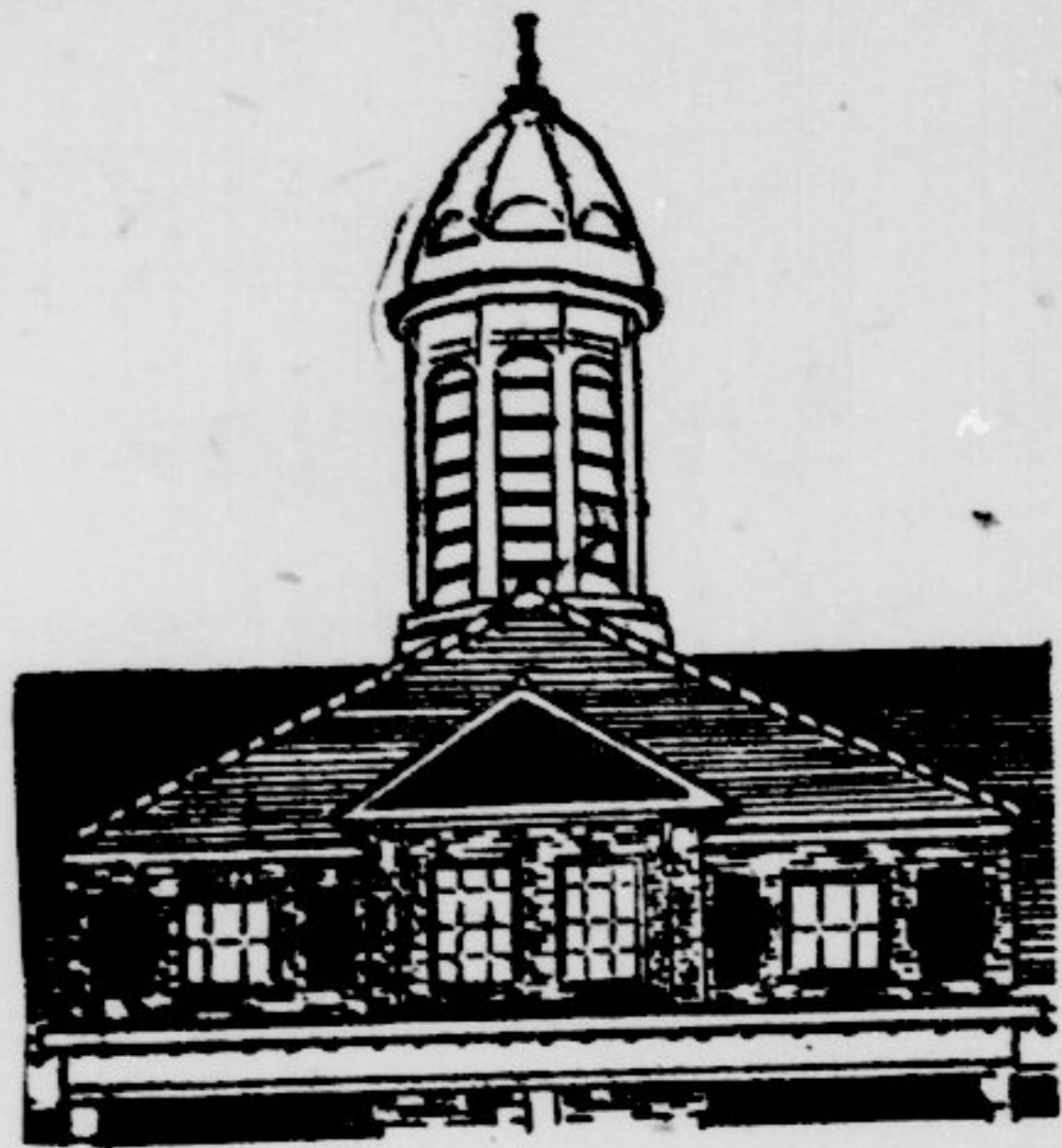
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Letters To The Editor

December 8

Dear Editor:

Recently, a group of townspeople met on the campus and pledged themselves to work for the raising of \$25,000 to make it possible to have a lighted field and approximately 2900 steel constructed seats for a stadium on the campus. The committee of townspeople thought that the student body, the faculty and alumni should have a part in helping to raise the money, so they could feel that they were helping the college with this program.

On Friday, December 3, the students were given an opportunity to give toward this project, but only a few have responded. A dollar apiece from every student would purchase about one hundred and seventy-five seats; up to date the students haven't paid in ten cents each. This doesn't indicate that they want an athletic program here. No team can succeed without a spirit of cooperation from the students. Therefore, greater enthusiasm must be manifested among them before we can ever have a dynamic spirit such as permeate so many other college campuses. Think it over. If you want a part in this program please sign the pledge card and give it to the president of your dormitory. If you are a day student give it to either Mrs. Barrett or Dean Marshall.

President J. D. Messick
P. S. Since the above letter was written I understand that the Student Government has voted \$200 to the stadium fund. J.D.M.

Dear Editor:

Last Friday, when we were in Assembly and talking about the stadium program, I looked around at the students and realized that as a group we could build a stadium as well as a good football team. I believe in group work because a group with a common aim in mind, is powerful.

When Dr. Messick told us that the town people had agreed to raise \$25,000 for the initial 2900 seats, I pictured the stadium in my mind—but I pictured it empty. How then are we planning to raise money to build a football game? In order to get players, scholarship funds may be available! We must build a football team that will win! That takes money!

The stadium can't be built in a day. It will take many days. That is the way we should build up our scholarship fund—day by day. Look how much we could raise if each student contributed ten cents each day from now until school is out. We would raise over \$20,000 in this way, not counting what we could raise by giving shows, dances, and plays in various towns near by. That is what I mean by group action.

We should inaugurate a scholarship fund drive with day students and "on cam-

pus students" participating. We should explore every means of raising money. The people in town are helping to build the stadium—let's show them we can put out a winning team.

Yours truly,
Nick Fokakis

Christmas Holidays Increase Nations Deaths--Use Wisdom

The automobile, one of the greatest inventions of the scientific age can, when unskillfully driven, be almost as destructive as the atomic bomb. Motor vehicle accidents were responsible for an estimated \$1,100,000,000 in property damage last year to say nothing of an additional \$1,550,000,000 spent for medical care, overhead cost of insurance, and the value of services lost to the nation because of disablement or death.

Last year more than 37,450 drivers were involved in fatal accidents. Of this number, drivers between the ages of 18 and 24 comprised twenty-seven percent or around 10,120. Forty-nine percent, the largest single percent, of accidents involved persons between the ages of 25 and 44. Since the combined percentages—making a range from 18 to 44, is the group into which most college students fall we believe that we would be safe in saying that more college and school age persons were involved in accidents than any other group or age.

When do most of our accidents occur? Statistics prove that fifty percent more people are killed in the month of December than any other month in the year. The chief reasons for this is the rainy, foggy, or snowy weather we have in December and of course the increase in traveling during the holidays.

What can we do to avoid accidents—what must we do? Always check your brakes before beginning a trip, they cause four percent of all fatal accidents. If you must drink, do it at home—whiskey and gasoline will not mix. Remember the speed limits and obey signs—"obedience is better than sacrifice." Keep vital mechanisms such as windshield wipers, lights, and steering sectors in good working order, keep awake—don't day dream. Look before passing cars; never pass a car on curves, hills, bridges, or if another car is advancing.

Above all things use wisdom; take your time, select your highways if possible, the life you save by driving safely may be yours.

Christmas

The Old Refrain:

"Smoke Gets in Your Eyes";
But not at the season approaching—
It's Christmas!

Amidst the whitened darkness;
I tread the snow-shrouded Avenues,
Feast my eyes on the vari-colored lights—
In Windows—

Above—
All around me;
It's Christmas.

Even the year-round glow
Of the traffic lights,
Join with the lights above them,
And take on an air of festivity;
It's Christmas!

'Mid the piercing reflections of traffic,
And the season's cheery glare
I stop—
And turn—
And wish that I were there—
With Christmas.

Snow falls gently around me,
But in the flaky silence
I see another light—
A Star . . .
A star that sent its bright message
O'er all the earth—
All long, long ago,
When He was born from His Father,
Which are in Heaven . . .
Since then, the lights of the holiday season
Play the role of—
The Star of Christmas.

So, be not sad, my friends;
What'er may befall you on this
Joyous Season—
Christmas . . .
Just remember that it was He who suffered
The slings and arrows of Fate—
And not we ourselves . . .
And He is the King of Christmas.

By "A"

Do You Agree?

by Elizabeth Manning

The new plan of pre-registration which was first put into effect this quarter appeared to work very effectively. Not only did this plan seem to be more satisfactory to the administration and faculty, but students

also voiced their approval of the new system.

The following answers to the question, "What did you think of the pre-registration this quarter?" indicated that most students like the plan. Do you agree?

Pensy Steward: I think it's much easier this way.

Mary Payne Whatever Pensy thinks—I never can think of anything clever when you ask me!

"Pat" and "Cooker" Morton looked up quickly from their knitting, muttered, "Ditto," and continued counting stitches.

Betty Sue Jones: I just like it.

Peggy McGlohorn: I really like it—missing all of those long lines surely was a great relief.

Frances Brown: It's been the best registration I've seen yet.

Ethel Clement: It saved a lot of time so, of course I liked it.

Marvis Hobbs: I like it much better than the old way.

Eleanor Mason: I approve of it because it gives the students a better opportunity to talk with his advisors about his schedule.

Jean Head: I guess it saved time but I was just as mixed as usual.

Mary Wallace Foy: It saved a lot of time and I like it.

Mistletoe, Holly Wreaths, Bright Lights--A Season Of Peace And Good Will

Once again we are in the season of mistletoe, holly wreaths and colored lights. Christmas commercialism is everywhere. The magazines have entire sections devoted to gift suggestions; our local merchants urge us to shop early and avoid the rush; even the traditional department store Santa Claus arrived early this year.

Everywhere one travels the classic remark, "I wonder what I am going to get for Christmas," is heard.

Christmas is or should be a time when families and friends gather to renew the love and fellowship of days past and to cement these relationships more permanently for the future.

It would be well for us as a nation to remember the words of the angel of old who heralded the shepherds with, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men." We are the only people in the world that is not at war. Our country does not bear the scars of the last war. True the cost of living is high; there is a housing shortage but with all these domestic problems we still maintain a fair degree of luxurious living.

As we gather this year in our homes may we keep Christmas with love and kindness to all peoples. Keep it with peace in our hearts remembering the One for whom it is celebrated. And remember, though you get fewer gifts than you give, that it is always "more blessed to give than to receive;" everyone is not blessed with enough to be able to give.

Editor's Corner

Registration, which has heretofore been a gruesome task, was greatly simplified this quarter. Under the new system students are supposed to have their schedule cards filled out before going to the Wright building to schedule classes. With this done and a good selection of class periods students should have been able to have registered in less than a half hour.

It's hard to please everyone but I say that with a little more experience the new system of registration will be perfect.

This month marks the twenty-third anniversary of the founding of the TECO ECHO. Since the first paper was published in December of 1925 many changes have taken place. The first paper was a mass of news with almost no headlines—now the paper is a mass of headlines with almost no news (with no reflection on the present staff, I mean no room for news). The first paper was about the size of one half of the paper now, which goes to show that at least we are growing all the time.

East Carolina Teachers college students have a paper which it can and should be proud to say is theirs. It has several times made all American ratings in various press contests and has fallen under first class only a few times.

Here's hoping that before the TECO ECHO reaches its twenty-fifth anniversary that it will be a weekly paper instead of a bi-weekly—East Carolina is large enough to have a weekly paper.

It has been my sincere desire to be pleasant and discuss only pleasant subjects

Student Spotlight

by Curtis Nichols



Who in American Universities and Colleges.

This spotlighter is a quiet well-mannered young man who likes to and does work for what he gets out of life. His idea of getting ahead in this world is to "Make up your mind to do something and go to work and do it. There is no other way a man can be a success at anything."

For a while he thought engineering would be a career for him but the overflow of engineers caused by the war made him change his mind. He says this is a "buying and selling world" and he plans to plunge into this business with everything he has. John says he is the type that wants a business of his own someday.

John likes sports and has taken part in intramural basketball here at the college. His hobbies include stamp collecting and poster art work. At present he has a stamp collection of 6000. He likes music, especially of the semi-classical variety.

Yes, John Pournaras has been an extraordinary active student since he enrolled here. It has been our pleasure to introduce him to the new students and to let the old ones see him from a closer view point. We the staff members of the TECO ECHO extend to you John, many good wishes for your success in the field you chose, wherever you may go.

In room 93 in Wilson hall resides one of East Carolina Teachers college's most energetic and well known students, who with his work, especially with the student government is helping to make the college a still greater school for everyone.

He is John Pournaras, junior, majoring in business education and minoring in social studies. He takes the spotlight in the last issue for 1948 and I'm sure no one is more worthy of honor than he.

John was born on December 12, 1918 in Ambridge, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Ambridge High school in 1939 where he participated in basketball. After leaving high school he worked a few years for the Bethlehem Steel Company, Leetsdale, Pa. as an apprentice draftsman.

John enlisted in the Marine Corps October 6, 1941 and was honorably discharged October 24, 1945 at Camp Lejeune, N. C. His service included approximately two years of traveling in the southwest Pacific theatre: British Samoa, Talugi, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, Australia, New Zealand and several other smaller islands. He was attached to the famous First Marine Division and served most of his time with the Marine Corps engineers.

East Carolina Teachers college was gifted by his arrival in the fall of 1946 and since then he has taken part in many activities. He is working with the Student Government association and is now 2nd vice-president of the student body acting as parliamentarian. He serves on the executive council and advisory board and in 1947 he served on the student budget committee. John is a member of many clubs on the campus including the Sigma Pi Alpha fraternity, Commerce club, Jarvis Forensic club, of which he served as president in 1947, YMCA and the Veterans club. He has worked with the Teachers Playhouse and helped with the cast in the production of: Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, The Family Portrait, Cabbages and Kings, and lately with the Coventry Nativity Play which was given a few days ago.

John was one of those honor students who recently was chosen to represent this college in the annually published "Who's

in this column; unfortunate for the majority of the students, however, this space will have to be used to talk to a certain undesirable group on a subject not so pleasant—dishonesty.

On Monday, November 29, during registration, a male student of this college who by chance lives in Wilson hall, came to me as editor of the college paper to complain about a topcoat taking wings. Actually we know that coats can not walk, yet his coat disappeared from the dormitory room.

This is not the first time I have heard reports of this nature but I hope it will be the last—it should never be. No college, regardless of size or location, needs students who take the freedom of walking into another student's room and taking whatsoever he will.

Take a self-case of having a topcoat valued at \$45 or more stolen—you who are students in school on the GI bill. Consider this—if you have the coat take it back where it belongs.

East Carolina Teachers college should be proud of the business men and merchants of Greenville. Recently *The State* magazine carried two full page advertisements for the college paid for by the local business men. The first, which appeared in the October 31 issue, was a picture scene of the college grounds looking from the Beckwith gate (beside the Administration building) to the Classroom building. In the same issue Carl Goerch, publisher of *The State*, wrote a five inch editorial lauding the citizens of Greenville for the interest they are showing in the college.

The second advertisement appeared in the November 27 issue of *The State*. This advertisement consists of a picture of Dr. J. D. Messick, our president, with a short story of his achievements and interest in education.

The two advertisements already printed were sponsored by the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company and the Carolina Sales Corporation. Other advertisements are to be sponsored in later issues by other local business men and merchants.

This is the last issue of the TECO ECHO before Christmas. I hope that this year at East Carolina has been a very successful one for you. As you leave for the holidays, remember the many students of the world who are not so privileged as yourself, and observe Christmas with the thought of its true meaning ever present with you.

I join with the TECO ECHO staff and for myself in saying, "A VERY MERRY

CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!"

I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the student body on such a wonderful show of school spirit demonstrated in last night's basketball game, marred only by occasional spontaneous outburst of booing which is unnecessary and a definite show of poor sportsmanship.

The two referees who refereed last night's game are two of the best in this part of the state. They are frequent workers here and will be back again. You cheered them when the decision was for us—you booed them when they were against us. Let's give them a break gang! Remember that you can't please all the people all the time!

Ramblin' Thoughts

by Ye Ole Rambler

International relations seem to be taking a definite change for better, at least with France. This reporter has heard a rumor which says Tom Collins, first vice-president of the student government and Mlle. Jacqueline Belouze, have been having frequent goodwill conferences (with an occasional movie). As yet Mr. Collins has made not a statement.

Girl coed: Where are you going in such a hurry?

Boy coed: I just bought a new text book and I'm trying to get to class before they change the edition.

The battle field has shifted from Guy Smith stadium to the Wright building. Overheard at the last basketball game—Member of the visiting team: All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth.

ECTC player: You can have 'em now if you'll take 'em out of my arm.

We consider this the comment of the month. One first quarter freshman, upon entering the book store (for the first time) where nine of the ECTC lasses were leisurely slaving during the rush, uttered in apologetic tones, "Oops, pardon me, I didn't know this was the ladies lounge."

What's this we hear about not being able to see anyone in the Teachers Playhouse pictures because of the one and only, Virgil Clark. They say it was impossible to take a picture without you being "out front," Virgil.

Student Guidance

by Dr. Leo W. Jenkins, Dean
(Editor's note: This column will be run in the TECO ECHO each issue for the benefit of students and to keep them informed. Any question you may have regarding your requirements, courses to be taken, or substitutions should be addressed to the editor of the TECO ECHO and we will endeavor to have it answered in this column.)

Faculty Lecture Club Schedules Series Of Talks

The Faculty Lecture club at East Carolina has scheduled a series of three talks by members of the organization for programs extending from January through March, according to an announcement by Lucy Nulton, vice president and program chairman of the group.

Dr. Paul Murray of the department of social sciences, who will speak on January 10, will have as his subject "Some Aspects of the Urbanization of North Carolina." Dr. Murray is the author of "The Whig Party in Georgia," recently published by the University of North Carolina Press as one of the James Sprunt series on social studies.

Dr. P. W. Picklesimer, director of the department of geography, will speak on February 16 on the growth of the tobacco industry in this section. He has made a study of the bright-leaf tobacco belt and has published a number of articles on the subject in magazines and journals during the past few years.

Dr. Leo W. Jenkins, dean of the college, will discuss aspects of the education of veterans on March 14. During the last year Dean Jenkins served as a special educational advisor in the U.S. Marine Corps and has had a wide experience in the education of service men and veterans.

Sallie Gurganus Takes Position

Sallie Joe Gurganus of Bethel has been elected president of Jarvis hall, dormitory for women students at East Carolina Teachers college, and has begun her duties as an officer of the student government association at the college.

Miss Gurganus is a senior who is specializing in primary education. In her new position she replaces Christine Lilly, Williamston senior, who resigned.

Notice!

Because of the emphasis being placed on the stadium drive right now there seems to be a misunderstanding on the part of some, and they think that this project is being stressed to the disadvantage of other activities of the college. Everything is being done that the administration knows to do in furthering every possible program affecting the college, including recruiting primary, grammar grade and secondary teachers.

The educational objectives of the college will always be, in this administration, the foundation and focal point of attention. However, the administration attempts to see the total program, and inasmuch as state funds are not available for a stadium the matter has to be taken to other sources. Only \$25,000 is being requested for a stadium while over \$3,000,000 is being requested for other college projects. This doesn't seem to be over emphasis, when you look at it in this light, does it?

President John D. Messick

Whitfield Elected President Of Air ROTC Officers Club

Fitzhugh Lewis Whitfield of Carolina Beach, junior at East Carolina Teachers college, has been elected president of the Air Corps ROTC Cadet Officers club on the campus and will head the organization during the 1948-1949 term. Composed of the advanced section of the military unit at East Carolina, the club was recently organized with the purpose of promoting friendly relationships among members and advisors; encouraging the Air Corps ROTC program and its activities on and off the campus; and preparing members for future leadership in both military and community life.

Other officers chosen are Charles K. Septer, Norfolk, Va., vice president; Claude B. West, Jr., Greenville, secretary; Oliver P. Hedgepeth, Rocky Mount, publicity director; and Cecil R. Murphy, Davis, sergeant-at-arms. Standing committees and their chairmen have also been appointed. Thomas Wilson, Chapanoke, will serve as program committee chairman; Milton Glover, Rocky Mount, refreshment committee chairman; Oliver P. Hedgepeth, Rocky Mount, house committee chairman; and Leon Klutz, entertainment committee chairman. A steering committee made up of these four chairmen and headed by Hedgepeth was also set up to lead in the activities of the club.

Baptist Students Observe Christmas Caroling Tradition

by Margaret Davis
Annual Christmas caroling has become a tradition with Baptist students on our campus. In the Middle Ages it was customary for the carol groups to sing wherever a lighted candle appeared in a window but East Carolina students sang last Saturday night for many Greenville residents whom they know and love.

Everyone on the campus was invited to go caroling with the group which met at the Baptist Student center before nine o'clock, Saturday evening, December 11. They carried flashlights along to help in seeing the copies of carols which were sung.

Julia Bray, social chairman, saw to it that many students at the center enjoyed brief merrymaking and refreshments before leaving with their jingle bells for the tramp through the streets. By 11:30 they had warm hearts, sore throats and aching feet.

Students Attend Conference Held In State Capitol

When the ninth annual student conference, sponsored by the North Carolina Council of Churches, convened at St. Augustine's college in Raleigh on Saturday, December 4, East Carolina Teachers college was represented by Laura Williamson from the YMCA, Miles Buck from the Westminster Fellowship, and the following people from the Baptist student union: Dorothy Cain, Ralph Rives, and Gloria H. Blanton, Baptist student secretary.

The theme of the 1948 conference, which was both inter-denominational and inter-racial, was "The Christian Answer to Communism." The opening address was delivered by Dr. Samuel R. Levering, member of the National Council of the United World Federalists.

Alumni News

Kinston

The Kinston chapter held the first meeting, of a series of quarterly meetings scheduled for the year, at the home of Mrs. Joe Hardy (Evelyn Bizzell) on Rountree Avenue. Hostesses for the event were Mesdames Hardy, Kirby Loftin (Edna Moore), Francis Edwards (Annie Laurie Kennedy), L. T. Wheatley (Mary Ward Hardy), J. E. Mills (Ruby Stocks), and W. R. Leggett (Billie Burke Bizzell).

Mrs. Loftin, acting president, opened the meeting which featured an extended business session, followed by a talk by Mrs. Claude P. Hardy (Hattie Laura Britt), executive secretary of the local Red Cross chapter.

Announcements were made concerning future meetings. The next will be in the form of a Christmas party and will be held on December 16 at the home of Mrs. Loftin. To serve on an arrangements committee are Mesdames Daniel Kennedy (Marguerite Vause), Lott West (Mayme Whitfield), P. E. Shoulers (Leta Mae Williams), Aaron Johnson (Pauline Suggs), Lehman Barwick (Izora Whitfield), and Miss Blanche Harper Moseley. The February meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Earl Grady (Blanche White) with Mesdames Grady, Claude Hardy, Ned Carville (Frances Harvey), and Miss Margaret Banks serving on a committee. To conclude the series, a dinner meeting will be held in April at which time Dr. John D. Messick, college president, and the alumni secretary will be special guests.

Introduced by Mrs. Joe Hardy, the speaker told of the origin of the Red Cross organization, its purpose and aims. She gave interesting facts pertaining to the local chapter and spoke of the work of the Junior Red Cross.

A social hour followed during which refreshments, including sandwiches, potato chips, cookies and cold drinks, were served by the hostesses. Among the 20 members present was Miss Margaret Banks, a member of the Southwood School faculty, who was received into the chapter.

Students Honored At Dinner Given By Alumni Assoc.

The Greenville chapter of the East Carolina Teachers College Alumni association entertained at a dinner on Friday evening, December 10, in honor of 101 students at the college here who are sons and daughters of East Carolina alumni. Mrs. Ruel Tyson, president of the local chapter, and Mrs. Ruth Garner, alumni secretary, planned the event.

President John D. Messick of the college was principal speaker at the dinner, which was held in the college dining hall. Mrs. Tyson presided, welcomed the sons and daughters of alumni, and introduced a number of special guests, including Dr. A. D. Frank, Emma L. Hoojer, faculty members of the alumni advisory committee; Kate Lewis of Greenville, retired head of the college art department and member of the original faculty at East Carolina; Mrs. Messick, Mrs. Frank; and 27 Pitt County alumnae who are mothers of students now attending the college.

Those present for the occasion were received in the Alumni office by Ruth White, Mrs. Susie Webb and James Fleming. Mrs. Tyson served tomato juice, she was assisted by Evelyn Littleton and Mrs. Martha Johnson King.

A short program of Christmas carols and games preceded the dinner. Mrs. Luella Lancaster Stancil directed the singing while Dr. Messick played the piano.

Other hostesses were Mrs. Louise Clark Drum, Mrs. Emily Johnson Harvey, Mrs. Margaret Holland Hux, Cornelia Keuzenkamp, Dorothy Lewis, Annie Sue Perry, Grace Smith, Lela Brown Stancil, Mrs. Kathleen K. Whichard, Kathleen Whichard, Elizabeth Deal, and Kathleen Venters.

Jack Hedgepeth Heads March Of Dimes Drive At College



Jack Hedgepeth

Student Dance In January To Close Drive

The college March of Dimes drive, headed by Jack Hedgepeth, will officially get under way during the first week in January and will last for two weeks during which time a competitive method of subscription will be in effect.

Competing for prizes will be the three women's dormitories, Wilson hall, the day students, and the married students. Each of these groups will compete for their respective prize separately. A Varsity show, headed by talent from the Veterans club and from Marie's Dancing school, and short skits from the minstrels will be presented with Eli Bloom serving as Master of Ceremonies. A dance with Bob Lee and his orchestra playing, exclusive for college students, will bring the drive to a close.

Some eight students will assist Hedgepeth in this drive. These students will be introduced and full details of the drive explained at a student assembly soon after the Christmas holidays.

Fleming And Austin Attend AATF Meeting

James L. Fleming, director of the foreign language department of East Carolina and Marguerite Z. Austin, faculty member of the department, attended a meeting of the North Carolina branch of the American Association for Teachers of French in Statesville, North Carolina recently.

Fleming was elected as secretary-treasurer of the association for the following year.

A solo, and instrumental ensemble. A special cash award and publication of the best sacred choral work in either division is offered by the Brodt Music Co., Charlotte.

Annual Contest For NC Composers Closes February 10

Dr. Rudolph W. Willmann, director of the department of music at East Carolina Teachers college and state chairman of the annual contest for North Carolina composers sponsored by the state Federation of Music Clubs, has announced that the contest will close February 10, 1949, and that those who wish to submit compositions may do so at any time or may write to him for further information. The contest is open to those born in North Carolina and those now residing in the state.

The stimulation and encouragement of serious musical composition by North Carolinians, says Dr. Willmann, is the purpose of the contest. Two divisions, one for professionals and one for amateurs, are open to contestants. The professional division offers cash awards for the best orchestral work, instrumental quintet, choral work, and solo work. Certificates are offered in the amateur division for hymn tunes, chorus, song, piano solo, piano duo, instrumental

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Lilah R. Gaut Attends Home Economics Meet

Lilah R. Gaut, associate professor of home economics at East Carolina Teachers college, attended the third conference of college teachers of textiles and clothing in New York City, November 24-27. The conference is one of a series of three initiated by the Educational Policies Committee of the Land-Grant college association and was attended by teachers in forty educational institutions from Maine to Florida. The program developed the theme "Newer Implications in the Approach to the Textile and Clothing Curricula as Related to Social Science and Industry."

Miss Gaut is a member of the central coordinating committee of the conference for the eastern states of the nation.

Teco Echo Keeps Twenty-Third Founding Anniversary

Paper Reviews Past Awards, Honors, National Recognition

by Richard Tarravechia

One score and three years ago, our forerunners at East Carolina brought forth the first TECO ECHO. The paper's birth marked the beginnings of a tradition—one based on truth and devotion to duty, enlivened by the example of one editor, who issued last-minute instructions from an operating table; and hallowed by the death of another, who succumbed while working on an issue.

"East Carolina Training School Quarterly," the first college publication, made its debut in 1914. Because of lack of funds, it folded in 1923. For a short time thereafter, "The News Letter," a small tabloid-type newspaper, addressed mainly to alumni, came into existence. It was discontinued when the initial TECO ECHO issue, edited by Miss Deannie Boone Haskett, now a Greenville high school critic teacher, rolled off the presses on December 19, 1925.

Christine Vick (now Mrs. O. K. Joyner, vice-president of the north central district of the East Carolina alumni association) suggested its present name. The title, TECO ECHO, signifies Teachers College Echo (Te— for teachers and co—for college).

Maturing rapidly, the infant journal soon developed into a first-class, humor-filled paper in the late twenties and thirties. "Summing" was then called "Campus Gossip" and two characters, Sylvester and Annabell, ran a facetious "Advice to the Lovelorn" column.

Each year the TECO ECHO staff enjoyed a field day on April 1st and produced a conical edition. Headlines playing up the impossible, the improbable, and the ridiculous tickled the fancy of the students.

In 1931, the "April Fool" issue carried this head in bold type on the front page: EAST CAROLINA STUDENTS SPEND THE NIGHT IN ROAD HOUSE. The accompanying story claimed that police, in a midnight raid on a roadhouse "speakeasy" in search of "moonshine" and "moonshiners," had apprehended Dr. Beecher Flanagan along with three college girls and that Dr. Flanagan confessed that he begged the girls into going because he knew good times awaited them at the "speakeasy."

Gracing the title space in 1936's April 1 issue were the lines: A PECO HECO and COASTAL MARRIAGE UNIVERSITY. One story bore the "slug": SALLY RAND WILL PERFORM HEE; another, HOLLOW HEADS AT HARVARD, announced that Mr. E. C. Hollar, of the Social Science department, had accepted the presidency of Harvard University.

One year later, in May, 1937, the TECO ECHO, competing against hundreds of college papers representing all sections of the country, received First Class honor rating from the National Scholastic Press Association. This feat merited national recognition, and from Washington, D.C., North Carolina senators, Robert Rice Reynolds and Josiah William Bailey, congratulated the editorial staff on this occasion.

Staff members kept well abreast of foreign affairs in those days. In 1939, George Lautares, of Lautares Jewelers in Greenville, warily noted the rise of two ego-maniacs, Hitler and Mussolini, and wrote his "Eyes on Europe," a series of comprehensive comments on the world situation.

In November of that year, TECO ECHO editor, Dorothy Hollar, daughter of Mr. E. C. Hollar, lay flat on her back on an operating table. Pale with pain, she delivered final instructions on a forthcoming issue to co-workers seconds before nurses gave her an anaesthetic and prepared her for an appendectomy.

Earlier in the year, the TECO ECHO, competing against such institutions as Wake Forest, Davidson, Lenoir-Rhyne, and Greensboro college, won first honors in the class B division of the State Newspapers contest sponsored by the North Carolina Collegiate Press Association. The award was based on the excellence of the news writing, make-up, and pictorial display. It marked the first time that the editorial staff used the new type of "streamlined" make-up and "left-flush" headline.

During the war years, particularly in 1944, Jean Goggins wrote up the latest news and exploits of East Carolina students in service, in her column, "With the Armed Forces." There was another column too, one which fortunately did not appear often. It was titled "Immemorial."

Toward the close of the war in January, 1945, a tall, thin, weary-eyed man, wearing a table in the TECO ECHO office, was hard at work on the paper. He adjusted his spectacles, then brought one hand to his forehead and shook his head

slowly. Two staff-members, thinking he was tired, ignored him. Then, the lanky youth slumped forward quietly. Borne aloft by the Valkyries of Journalism, Thomas Clay Williams, of Greenville, twenty-year-old editor of the TECO ECHO, sped towards the newspaper man's vaihalla, the victim of a weak heart.

Still grieving over their recent loss, the TECO ECHO staff continued their work with success. In 1945 the paper received the highest honor any college paper in the United States can receive, the All-America rating from the Collegiate Association of Colleges, USPA.

Former TECO ECHO Editors
Deannie Boone Haskett, 1925-26—Greenville
Zilpah Frisbie, 1926-27 (Mrs. Carl Lassiter)—Finksburg, Md.
Bessie Willis, 1927-28 (Mrs. Frederick W. Hoyt)—Smithfield, N.C.
Rebecca Alexander, 1928-29—Lucama, N.C.

Ruth Lemmond, 1929-30 (Mrs. William Earl Thomas)—Monroe, N.C.
Katherine Lemmond, 1930-31—Waxhaw, N.C.
Margie McPherson, 1931-32—Mechane, N.C.

Elizabeth Haywood, 1932-33 (Mrs. Harold O. Hormann)—Media, Pa.
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Clyde Morton, 1934-35 (Mrs. Clement Ward)—Hubert, N.C.

Dorothy Hooks, 1935-36 (Mrs. Barr H. Attaway)—Goldsboro, N.C.
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William "Billy" B. Daniels, 1938-39—Plymouth, N.C.

Dorothy Hollar, 1939-40—High Point, N.C.
Mary D. Horne, 1940-41 (Mrs. Leggett W. Odom, Jr.)—Gibson, N.C.
Rosalee Brown, 1942-43—Greenville, N.C.

Bernice Jenkins, 1944 (fall)—Wilmington, N.C.
Maribelle Robertson, 1944-45 (winter and spring) (Mrs. E. G. Moore)—Durham, N.C.

Thomas Clay Williams 1945 (fall) (deceased)—was of Greenville, N.C.

Mary Young Bass of Enfield and Jean Goggins of Suffolk (co-editors) 1944-45 (winter and spring)
Mary Young Bass, 1945-46—Enfield, N.C.

Joe Tew, 1946 (fall)—Bellairthur, N.C.

Bernice Jenkins, 1946-47 (winter and spring)—Wilmington, N.C.

Amos Clark of Greenville, N.C. and Ella Cashwell of Burlington, N.C., co-editors for fall and winter of 1947-48

Amos Clark, 1948 (spring)—Greenville, N.C.

Such honors and attendant success have been due in large part to the untiring efforts of faculty editorial, and business advisors. Ever ready to offer good advice and constructive criticism, these guards of the Press's integrity, have often steered unwary student editors away from pitfalls and glaring errors in policy.

Among the members of this select group, who held these positions successively from 1925 on, are: Miss Mamie Jenkins; Miss Lois Grigsby; Dr. Beecher Flanagan, who along with M. L. Wright constituted the sole business advisors; Dr. Denver E. Baughan, and last, but far from least, the present editorial advisor, Miss Mary H. Greene.

To these unsung stalwarts and to those myriads of editors, staff-writers, and reporters, without whom the paper could have never enjoyed the success that it has, we staff members, on this 23rd anniversary, render grateful thanks. Finally, we humbly promise to do all in our power to perpetuate the fine tradition we have inherited and to make the TECO ECHO, All-American, not in collegiate press association rankings, but in the eyes of East Carolina students as well.

Currier Speaks

Warren Currier, assistant biologist of the North Carolina wildlife resources commission was guest speaker at the December meeting of the Science club.

Mr. Currier, whose specialty is wildlife conservation, spoke on conservation in general. In his speech Mr. Currier covered the varieties of conservation including soil, minerals, and wildlife.

Mr. Currier was introduced by Dr. Harold D. Jones, faculty advisor of the Science club and museum.

Thirty-Seven East Carolina Students Awarded Degrees

Messick Receives Notice Of Training Of College Students

Notification that five men students at East Carolina Teachers college successfully completed 1948 summer training in the Platoon Leaders class at the Marines Corps schools, Quantico, Va., has just been received by President John D. Messick of the college. A letter from Brigadier General R. H. Pepper, director of personnel, USMC, carried the announcement and commended the college for its assistance in the program.

Students who completed their training are Thomas George, Hopewell, Va.; Henry D. Satterthwaite, Ransomville; Lloyd G. Carroll, Weldon; Paul J. Casey, New Bern; and Gordon W. Poindexter, Warrenton.

Taylor Teaches Remedial Reading Winter Quarter

East Carolina Teachers college has organized a course in remedial reading for freshman and transfer students in order to aid them in overcoming deficiencies. Four classes are now in progress with Dr. Hazel Taylor as instructor.

Dr. Taylor joined the college faculty in September as director of the Testing Bureau. This is a newly organized division of the college which gives tests of various kinds and offers its services to all departments of instruction and to public schools of this section.

Early in the fall quarter a series of tests given under Dr. Taylor's supervision to new students at the college revealed that a number had deficiencies in reading ability. As a result the remedial course was set up for those who it was thought would profit by special instruction. No credit is given for the work, and those enrolled will continue as members of the classes until they have made sufficient progress to pass standard tests in reading.

Mallace Directs Dance Routines For 'Follies'

Marie Mallace, talented Greenville dancer, once again is aiding the East Carolina Teachers college Veterans' club in producing their forthcoming minstrel, "Follies of 1949." All dance routines, both male and female, are originated and directed by Miss Wallace.

The two previous shows, "Dixieland Minstrel" and "Follies of 1948," also had Miss Wallace as dance director. Under her leadership the students performed her dance routines to perfection and drew wide acclamations from audiences.

Betsy Flye and Jean Hilton, of Greenville, are assisting Miss Wallace this year. Both girls have taken part in the two previous shows.

Craft Students Of Past Quarter Exhibit Art Work

Students of the crafts section of the art department at East Carolina exhibited their work last week in the Alumni office in the Austin building on the campus. The display was prepared by students studying public school art in the classes of Francis Lee Neel, member of the art department at the college.

Included in the exhibit was art work of various types done during the fall quarter by approximately sixty students. Among the more unusual articles on display were examples of glass etching and a collection of papier mache animals. Other materials are linoleum cuts, stencil designs on paper and cloth, etched aluminum trays, woven baskets, and tooled aluminum and copper plaques.

Official Degrees To Be Awarded Graduates In May

Thirty-seven students at East Carolina completed work for degrees at the end of the fall quarter, according to an announcement just made by Dr. J. K. Long, registrar. Among the graduates, twenty-two are women, and fifteen are men. All but two are North Carolinians.

Those completing courses preparing them for careers as teachers include thirty-two men and women receiving the B.S., or professional, degree and two receiving the master's degree, the work for which at East Carolina is planned for those intending to work in schools and colleges. Three students completed work for the A.B., or liberal arts, degree.

Graduates of the fall quarter will receive their degrees officially at commencement exercises to be held in May, 1949, at the end of the present school term.

Those completing work for degrees are:

Bachelors of Science: Kathleen Barker, Lumberton; Lucille Blalock, Timberlake; John Both, Durham; Jean Cox Brown, Greenville; Ruth Carroll, Raleigh; Louise Caviness, Holly Springs; Doris Dawson, Dunn; Catherine Ann Dexter and Margaret Taylor Drake, both of Richlands; Mary Elizabeth Ellis, Washington; Alma Ruth English, Willard; Elbert Fearing, Elizabeth City; Alton Finch, Roanoke Rapids; Robert Alton Gray, Stokes; Dixie Lee Gurley, Goldsboro; Miriam Harper, Spring Hope; Hazel Marie Harris, Greenville; Jesse Lamm, Greenville; James Lockridge, Thomasville; Myrtle Arnes Paul, Pike Road; Nell Perry, Louisburg; Beatrice Player, Rockingham; Dorothy Gray Powell, Wilmington; Richard Powers, St. Pauls; Leslie Earl Sadler, Winterville; Amos Sexton, Montgomery, Alabama; Doris Walker, Currie; Annie Crisp Warren, Conecote; Luther Howard Whitehurst, Greenville; Marietta Whitfield, Kinston; Beaufort Williams, Inez; and Dan West Young, LaGrange.

Bachelors of Arts: Elmer Cox, Greenville; Milton Hamilton, Aurora; and John Young, Norfolk, Virginia. Masters of Arts: Fodie Hodges, Grimsland; and Frances Smith, Greenville.

Notice!

The Entertainment Committee wishes to make public at this time the reasons for the lack of movies during the past two weeks, and to extend its apologies to the students for what happened.

We were not given the funds to pay for the movies this quarter until December 8. Since movies are sent C.O.D., it meant that we could not show a film on Dec. 4. Last Saturday we were expecting to show "The Great Waltz," but were notified on Friday that it would not arrive because of an oversight on the part of the movie company. In addition, the scenery of the nativity play would have had to be removed in order to show a film, and this was deemed inadvisable since the play was to be shown again the following day.

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Louis Roney



Edna Phillips

Young Artists Perform Before Large Audience

Edna Phillips, coloratura soprano, and Louis Roney, tenor, were presented in a joint recital Monday evening, December 13, by the Entertainment committee of East Carolina Teachers college. The concert by the two young American artists, who are rapidly rising to fame in the world of music, was presented at Wright auditorium, and was the second in a series of entertainments presented at the college during the 1948-1949 term.

Miss Phillips, who has been twice chosen as soloist for Toscanini broadcasts, during 1947-1948 made a transcontinental tour of 60 appearances as the soprano of the Columbia Grand Opera Quartet. She is currently in the course of her first concert tour. The lovely soprano, in her second appearance at East Carolina, was lavishly dressed in an emerald green satin gown with an off-the-shoulder effect and a very full bouffant skirt. Miss Phillips' "Cinderella" career began in the Sacred Heart convent of Fall River, Massachusetts. She is under the supervision of Paul Althouse, well-known teacher and former Metropolitan Opera star.

Mr. Roney, a graduate of Harvard University, and an ex-Navy lieutenant, made his first hit with the public in 1948 when he sang the role of Cavaradossi in "Tosca" at the Lewisohn stadium with the New York Philharmonic-Symphony, conducted by Dimitri Mitropoulos. The young Atlanta, Georgia, star was urged to study for an opera career by Grace Moore, the late soprano star, who told the Atlanta papers: "He possesses one of the loveliest and most natural voices I've ever heard."

Home Ec. Club Sponsors Art Study Exhibit

The Home Economics Club of East Carolina Teachers college sponsored a textile and art study exhibit from Monday, December 6 through Friday, December 10. The exhibit was held in the lobby of the Classroom building.

The exhibit included textiles by well known designers, hand woven and hand painted textiles, screen prints, unusual table linens, towels, hand woven bags and prints from Persia and India. Some of the articles were purchased after the exhibit by faculty, students, and town people.

Classes from the Home Economics and Art departments feel that they received benefits from their study of the exhibit.

Gloria Blanton Attends Baptist Seminary In Tenn.

This week Gloria H. Blanton, Baptist student secretary, is attending a four-day south-wide Baptist student secretaries' seminar in Nashville, Tennessee.

At this meeting, which is the largest meeting of student secretaries yet known, Miss Blanton will represent East Carolina at divisional conference for Baptist secretaries on state college and university campuses throughout the south as they plan for a unified Christian program for students in twenty states.

While Miss Blanton is away the Baptist student union will be kept open each evening from 6 to 10:30 by local volunteers from the Baptist churches.

Chapel Program Features Tableau From Nativity Play

A short musical program and a tableau from the "Coventry Nativity Play" was presented by the Teachers Playhouse at the first chapel service of the winter quarter, Tuesday afternoon, December 7.

The Women's chorus, under the direction of Dan E. Vornholt, sang, "O Come Immanuel," "Gloria in Excelsis," and "O Little Town of Bethlehem." Appearing in the manger scene were Dorothy Thomas as the virgin Mary, Claude "Kip" West as Joseph, and Susan Smith and Rachel Floyd as angels.

Women P. E. Majors Attend District Meeting At UNC

Ten girls, majoring in physical education, represented East Carolina Teachers college at the district meeting held by the Department of Health and Physical Education at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill December 3 and 4. Miss Nell Stallings, women's athletic director, and Miss Margaret Tift, physical education instructor, also attended.

Students Learn Home Management In Practice House

Six women students are doing their "home practicing" this quarter in the campus home management house under the supervision of Mrs. Adelaide Blaxton.

Those living in the home management house include Louise Enzor, Carol Gore, Flor Wray Dewar, Sammie Lee Jones, Alma Arrington, and Jacqueline Barnhill. While living in the practice house students are assigned a task to perform for three days.

Notice!

There will be an all college Christmas assembly tomorrow at 11 o'clock. The college band will play and various students will sing.
Dr. J. D. Messick will close this year with a talk to the students.

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Sports News

by Bill Lloyd

SANTA'S GIFT TO ECTC — The big red-faced man with the white whiskers better known as Santa Claus is certainly coming to the campus of East Carolina Teachers college this year.

TOWNSPEOPLE HOLD MEETING — A few weeks back, a group of townspeople of Greenville met with the Mayor to discuss the idea of a new constructed football stadium to be located on the campus.

STUDENTS ENTHUSIASTIC — The drive was then introduced to the student body by our progressive, sports-loving prexy, Dr. John D. Messick and patriots of our beloved alma mater received the invitation to aid in the stadium drive enthusiastically.

PROJECT FOR BOOSTERS CLUB — It's a great gift from Santa — this new construction of future gridiron battles — and we the students are going to have to work endlessly. Which brings to our minds, why couldn't the drive among the students be a project of the club named, but less activated Boosters club?

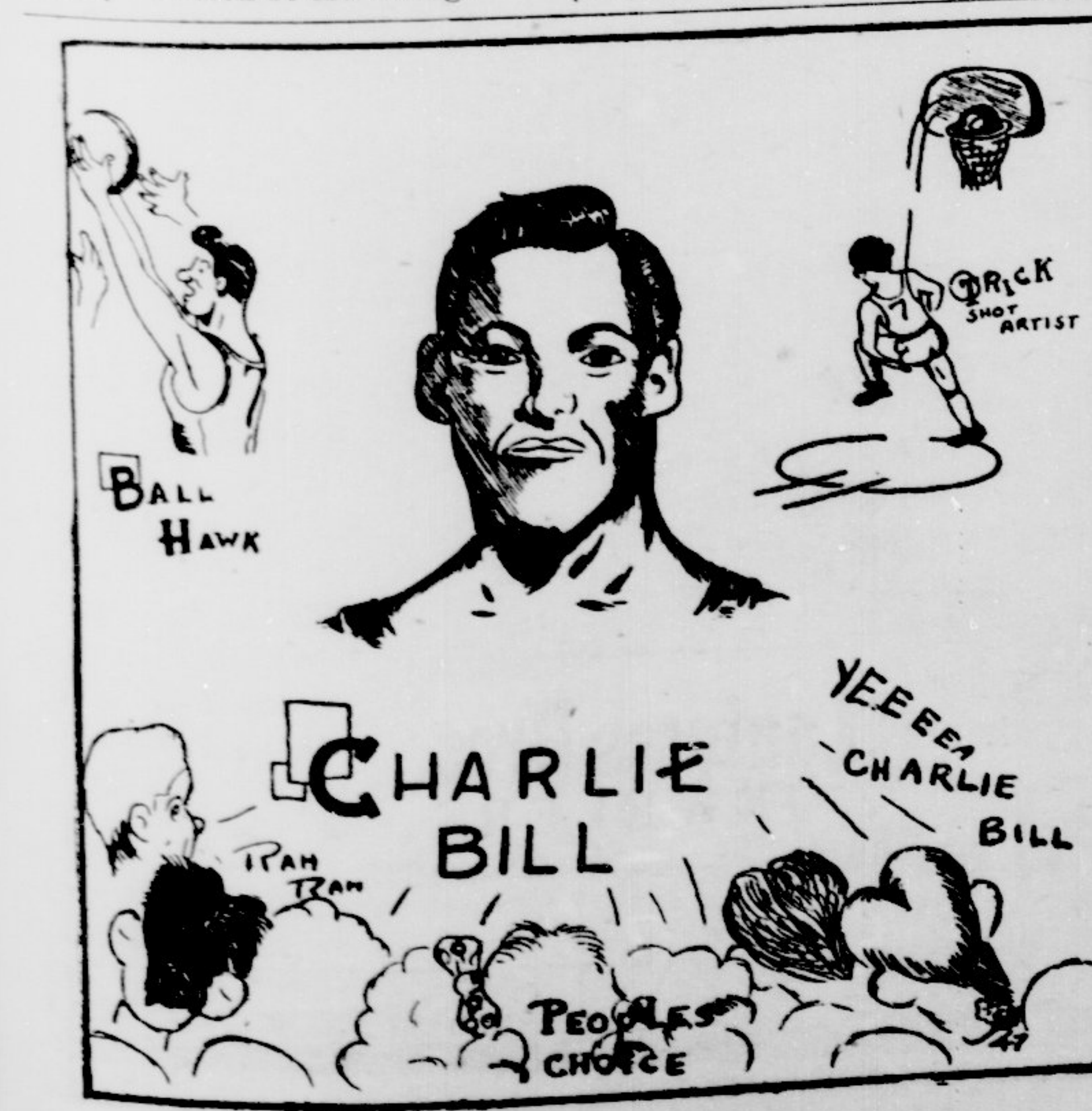
ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP NEEDED — Then comes to the eye, you can't make him drink. We can get a brand new playing field with 200 seats for spectators, but you won't get the fans to fill it until you build a strong, pigskin eleven.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL! — Lloyd.

Ailing Students Invade Infirmary

During the fall quarter 1,947 patients were given treatment in the college infirmary for minor illnesses according to Dr. Fred Irons, college physician.

A total of 121 students were admitted to the infirmary for treatment of ailments too serious to be treated in the clinic. Such cases included dental and minor surgical cases.



Pirates Lose Two Games In Conference Play

Jim Johnson Resigns Head Coaching Position, Successor Unnamed



Bauer Stars ECTC Quint

Len Bauer, popular Pirate cageman, is headed straight for North State conference honors this year, as guard for Coach Howard Porter's Pirate basketball five.

Bauer, who hails from Norfolk, Virginia's Norview High, won a starting position last year, but was forced to the sidelines for a short while with an injured foot.

Bauer's sterling defensive work throughout the '47-'48 season was a main spoke in the Pirates wheel of success that rolled into third place in the conference race.

A rangy six-footer, Bauer plays an aggressive type of ball that usually leaves him viewing the waning minutes of the game on the bench via the foul out route.

This year's practice began in October and Bauer lost no time in regaining his old form, and Coach Porter lost no time in rewarding him with a starting position.

Porter's Cagesters Defeat Portsmouth Squad In Opener

Coach Howard Porter's '48-'49 quintet opened their 21-game basketball slate here last Saturday night with their initial win over the Portsmouth Gridiron club, 36-26.

The Buccaneers got the tip-off, Everton pitched in his first basket, and the locals never lost this lead. Coach Porter used his entire squad in their first encounter of the cage season, and the locals won an easy victory.

Aubrey Sweet led the visitors in a comeback in the final minutes against the Bucs reserves as he tallied ten points for a night's total.

Lineups for Portsmouth (26) and ECTC (36) with FG, FT, TP statistics.

ECTC Varsity Club Awards Letters To 21 Pirate Gridders

Twenty-one athletes have been awarded monograms for participating in football at East Carolina this past season. These letter-winners were members of a non-winning football squad but they were members of a team that never gave up.

Among those winning awards were Pete Prominske of Red Banks, New Jersey; Leon Ellis of Silver City; Duke Cockrell, Bob Bradley, Doug Bryant, and Jim Danks, all of Rocky Mount; Mac Lewis of Goldsboro; Abner Butterworth of Hopewell, Virginia; Kenneth Booth and Michael Kovach, both of Tarrytown, New York; Raz Autry of Dunn; Eddie Tanner and Billy Smith of Portsmouth, Virginia; Leon Jones of Thomasville; Bob Ostrander of Everington, New York; Max Garrell of Tabor City; Wilton Summer of Edenton, and Gilbert Carroll of Weldon.

The above list does not include members of the football squad who had previously won letters and become members of the Varsity club.

Catawba And H. P. Defeat Pirates In NS Opening

The Catawba Indians scalped the ECTC Pirates 51 to 39 in Salisbury Saturday to cap their opening North State conference win. It was the second conference defeat in two nights for the Bucs of East Carolina who bowed to the High Point Panthers 51 to 31 Friday at High Point.

The first half of the Catawba game was one for the books with the score being tied six times before intermission. Halftime score saw the Indians out in front 23 to 22. But in the second half the Salisbury team pulled away from the ECTC squad like it was tied.

It was Catawba forward Larry Graham who set the scoring pace for the Indians with 20 points. Lanky Jack Everton and rugged Frank Maennle kept the Pirate quint in the game with 10 and nine points respectively and Eddie Tanner accounted for six points.

Looking like anything but the team they were rated to be, the Pirates of ECTC ran into a staggering defeat in their opener at High Point. They managed but 12 points in the first half of the game with none of the starting five being able to drop in more than one field goal.

The Pirates fought to get back into the ball game after intermission with Eddie Tanner taking the lead with six points. But High Point ran up 26 more points to cap their opener 51 to 31.

Scoring on both teams was well divided with Waiz of High Point taking high scoring honors with 13 points. Tanner with six led the losers.

Neither Everton nor Charlie Bill Moye, the Pirates' two chief scoring threats could get going in the High Point game. Everton scored four and Moye five points.

This week the Pirates face a three game slate with two home games carded. Last night they played host to the Norfolk Naval (Wrong Greenville) cagers at Wright auditorium and entertain the Appalachian Mountaineer squad here in a conference game Friday night. On Saturday night the locals travel to Cherry Point to engage the Marines on their home court.

Box scores for Catawba and High Point games, listing FG, FT, Fls, Pts for various players.

Pirates Take Norfolk Fliers By 54 To 51 Here Last Night

Coach Howard Porter's East Carolina Teachers College Pirates took a 54-51 thriller last night over the Norfolk Navy Fliers.

Some eight hundred fans witnessed the affray in ECTC's Wright Building.

It was an exciting contest from the start to finish and anybody's ball game until the final whistle. The score was tied five times in the first half after the Pirates of ECTC, paced by Charlie Bill Moye came from behind a seven to 3 disadvantage. Once they gained the lead the local aggregation pulled out to lead 33 to 25 at halftime.

But the visitors came back hard after intermission and were out in front twice before the final whistle. The Pirates were leading by a slim one point margin six times during the final period, including the last minute of play.

It was Charlie Bill Moye, the boy who was held to a total of nine points in two previous contests, who brought the ECTC quintet to life in the opening frame of last night's game. With his teammates trailing seven to two the elusive forward personally accounted for the tying points and brought his team out in front 19 to 18 later in the first half.

But it was tall Jack Everton, high scorer in three of the Pirates' four games this season, who captured high scoring honors in last night's game. Everton checked up 19 points, eleven of which came in the furious last half of the ball game.

Lou Pasco, a dynamic little ball handler, was next high with 11 points to his credit.

One of the most outstanding performances of the night was put on by ECTC Captain Len Bauer who played every minute of the game and did a commendable job from start to finish.

Final statistics for the Norfolk game, listing FG, FT, Fls, Pts for both teams.

Final statistics for the High Point game, listing FG, FT, Fls, Pts for both teams.

Football Mentor For 1949 Season Not Yet Named

Jim Johnson, head football coach at East Carolina Teachers college for the past three years, has tendered resignation to Dr. John D. Messick, president of the college. The announcement came this past week from Johnson himself who said that he would leave at the end of the school year.

Johnson came to the Greenville school after a highly successful high school coaching career and a three year tour of duty in the Navy as a Lieutenant with Captain Tom Hamilton's pre-flight athletic program. He assumed the position of head football, basketball and baseball coach with the college in the fall of 1946 and was a one man coaching staff as he went about rejuvenating an athletic program which had been dormant during the war years.

With the college in the role of an independent school, Johnson was able to bring a handful of outstanding athletes with him. East Carolina's first post-war football team, with Johnson at the helm went into a nine game schedule with only two weeks of practice and came out with five wins, three defeats, and one tie.

Johnson's basketball squad won 18 and lost seven, at one time had a winning streak of 15 straight.

The second year of Johnson's coaching saw the school enter the powerful North State conference, though Johnson says it was contrary to his wishes at that time. "We weren't ready to go in then," the coach said. "Besides it made some of our best players ineligible."

Johnson holds a masters degree from the University of North Carolina.



Coach Johnson

Policeman's Ball To Be Tonight

The annual Policeman's Ball will be presented tonight in the Wright auditorium, with the proceeds going into the Policeman's fund.

Music is being furnished by Rodney Roberts and his music majors, an up and coming college orchestra. Added attractions will include a hilarious floor show under the direction of Eli Bloom.

College girls have been granted the permission to remain until 11:30. Tickets may still be purchased in the lobby of the south dining hall.

Bucs 1948-49 Cage Roster

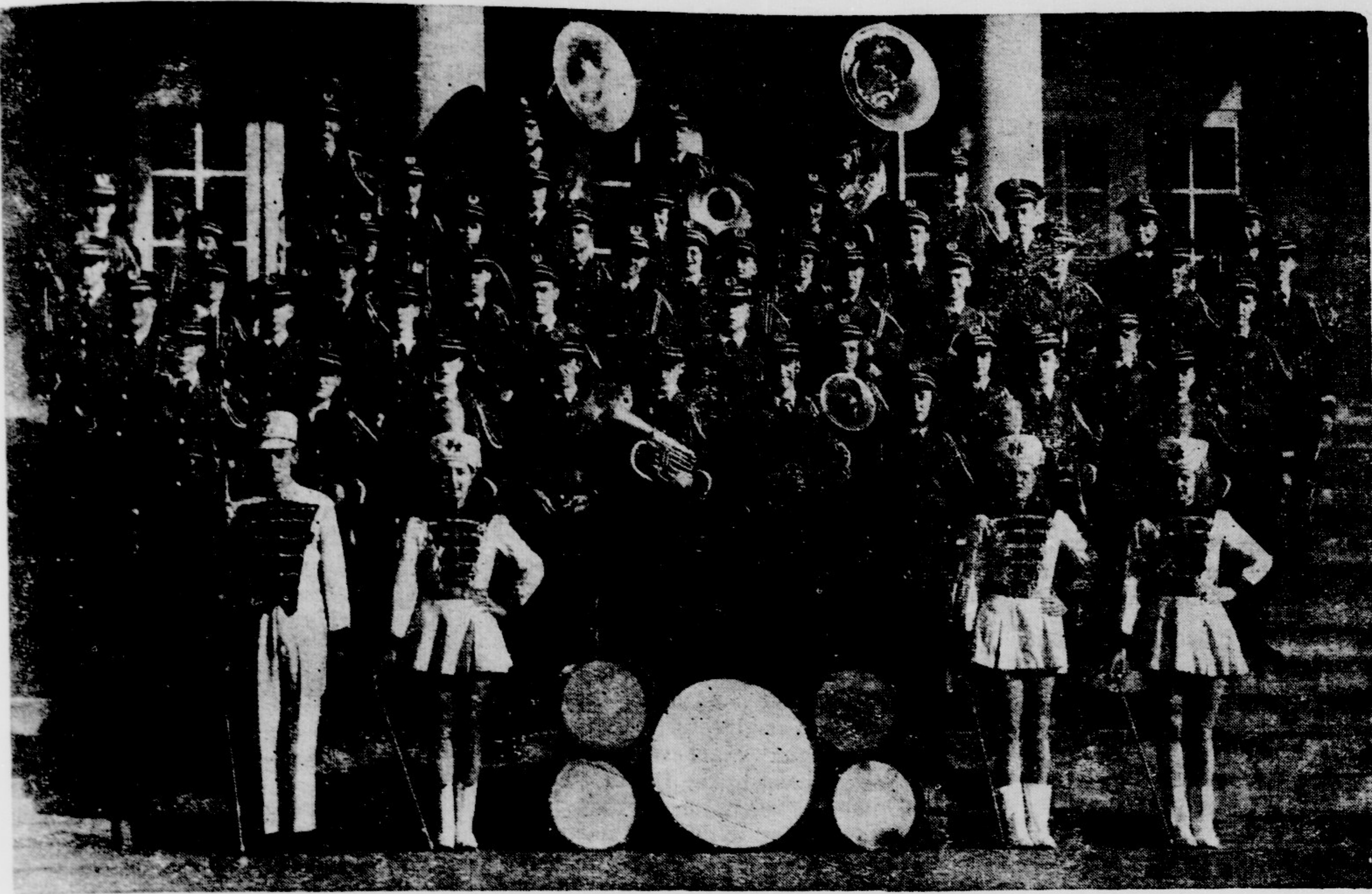
Roster list for Bucs 1948-49 with columns for Name, Home, Yr., Ht., and Pos.



Pictured above are two reasons for the Pirates surprise success of last year, Charlie Bill Moye, ECTC high scorer and fourth high scorer in the conference, and Coach Howard Porter who guided his team to the successful season. More of that same success appears in the offering this year, as the team already shows marked improvement over last year's performance.

ECTC Schedules 21 Games

Schedule of 21 games for ECTC, listing dates, opponents, and locations.



Pictured above is the college band in full dress. The uniforms are the ones purchased last year by the student body. FRONT ROW—Left to right: Bob Robinson, drum major; Helen Alderman, Rebecca Holcomb, and Lucy Robertson, Majorettes. SECOND ROW—Boyd Elliot, Rodney Roberts, Harold Grant, Donald Adcock, Junius Rose, Jr., Daniel Hunt, Rebecca Mayo, James Griffin, Charles Lee. THIRD ROW—Hogan Gaskins Jr., Lee Rogers Jr., Rollins Mims Jr., Thomas Adams, Paul Geer, Helen Nelson, Mary Barden Taylor, Herbert Dale, Edward Benson. FOURTH ROW—Fred Juran, Mary Hudson, Carolyn Jessup, Leon Jackson, Lucius Renshaw, Charles Davis, R. B. Lee, Sherod White, Julius Mills, William Adcock, L. M. Lancaster. FIFTH ROW—John Nelson, Alf Collins, Thelma Parker, Ethel Clement, Richard Ricks, Elizabeth Glasgow, Harriet James, Roland Owen, John Stone, Craven Hughes, Thomas Cox. SIXTH ROW—Nine Abernethy, Virginia Brown, Christine Register, Emilie DuPree, William Glasgow. SEVENTH ROW—Mr. Carter, Band Director; John Roberson, Edward Strand, Robert Gaskins.

ECTC Band Plays For Inauguration Of Scott

Herbert Carter Directs Band In Parade

The East Carolina Teachers College Band will march by when W. Kerr Scott reviews a spectacular parade in Raleigh on the occasion of his inauguration as governor of North Carolina next January 6. Largely through the generosity of the Greenville Lions Club, the members of which are financing the trip, the college band will travel to Raleigh for the inaugural ceremonies and, according to present plans, will march before the reviewing stand and through the capital city along with federal troops, units of the North Carolina National Guard, military school units, and other music organizations of the state. An invitation asking the band to participate in the events honoring the new governor of the state was received a few days ago from Adjutant-General J. Van B. Metts; and preparations for the event are already in progress on the campus.

Carter Band Director
Both East Carolina and Greenville are proud of the college band and of Herbert L. Carter of the faculty, who is largely responsible for its excellence. Composed of 55 members, the band has recently acquired, through the gift of the student body, new purple and gold uniforms and presents a fine appearance at public performances.

Robert A. Robinson of Washington, D. C., as drum major leads in marches and maneuvers. Three attractive majorettes—Helen Alderman, Elizabeth City, Becky Holcomb, Griffin; and Lucy Robertson, Williamson—are worth looking at as they step high in the vanguard of the band and put on a spirited show on parade.

This year the college band has attracted much favorable comment when it has played at home football games. It has appeared during the fall at games in Rocky Mount and also in Wilmington, where it participated in a public parade through the city. At Armistice Day ceremonies and in the recent Santa Claus parade, the band participated in community events in Greenville. It plays frequently at student assemblies on the campus.

Band to Play at Lions' Meeting
When the District Convention of the Lions club is held in Wilson in January, the East Carolina band will be there to take part in the program. A number of other invitations have necessarily been refused during the present school year because student

members have been unable to be absent from classes. Behind such an organization, there is always a leading spirit whose constant, energetic, and capable work is largely responsible for its success. Director Herbert L. Carter of the college music department, deserves credit for creating the present band from small beginnings and shaping it into one of the best musical organizations of its kind in North Carolina.

Carter's Achievements as Director
When Carter, graduate of Murray State Teachers College of Kentucky (master of arts from Columbia University, and veteran of World War II, arrived to begin work at East Carolina in September, 1946, the band was in a post-war slump and included fewer than 20 members. Since that time Carter has trained players; drilled the group in band maneuvers; and, most important of all, created a spirit of cooperation and pride in achievement among members. The band is constantly growing in numbers and improving in performance under his leadership.

Some of the attractive maneuvers which Carter has worked out with his band include a train-formation carried out to the beat of drums and the train of "I've Been Working on the Railroad" and "Sentimental Journey"; and a Christmas tree formation made spectacular with lights and the singing of carols. The local Lions club under the leadership of its president, Dr. E. B. Aycock, began steps, as soon as the invitation to the inaugural ceremonies was received, to arrange the trip to Raleigh for the band. Through their public spirited aid both the college and Greenville, its home town, will be represented when Governor-elect Scott takes office.

Dr. John Reynolds Receives Promotion In Naval Reserve

Dr. John O. Reynolds, faculty member of the department of mathematics at East Carolina, has been appointed to the permanent rank of lieutenant commander in the U. S. Naval Reserve. The appointment is a promotion for Dr. Reynolds, who was separated from service as a lieutenant in the Navy. During the last war he was engaged in the Naval Aviation Training program, in which he taught air navigation. He was stationed at the Navy Pre-flight School at Chapel Hill and at the Naval Air Station at Otumwa, Iowa.

Jarvis Forensic Club Begins Work On Series Of Debates

Religious Emphasis Week To Be Held Here In January

Religious Emphasis Week at East Carolina Teachers college will be sponsored this school year for the first time by all student religious organizations on the campus and has been scheduled from Tuesday, January 11, through Friday, January 14. The YMCA, the YWCA, and the denominational clubs at the college are at present drawing up plans for a series of speeches and conferences, including an opening chapel service and a vesper service which will conclude the program.

Major addresses of the week will be based on the theme "Richer Living for Everyone" and will take place each evening in the Austin auditorium. Speakers have not yet been announced. A series of seminars, or discussion groups, will follow the evening programs. Topics designed to meet student needs and interests will include "Science and Religious Faith," "Love, Courtship, and Marriage," and "Christian Principles in Our Economic and Social Order."

Christmas Program Given By Home Ec. And Music Clubs

The Home Economics club and the Music club held a joint Christmas meeting, Tuesday, December 14. The Music club sponsored the program and the Home Economics club was responsible for the social hour. "Santa Claus Gilbert" reached into his sack and presented a gift to everyone present. The program consisted of several solos; instrumental solos being by Robert Craft, piano; William Adcock, clarinet; Don Adcock, flute; Edward Benson, trumpet, and vocal solos were rendered by Robert Mays, baritone, and Louise Brooks, soprano. Also on the program were selections by the College singers, directed by Dan E. Vornholt, and by the brass and clarinet quartets.

Members of the Jarvis Forensic Club of East Carolina Teachers college have begun work on a series of intercollegiate debates in which they will engage during the winter and the spring quarters of 1949. Geraldine Amundson of New York City, president of the student group, and Dr. Meredith N. Posey, faculty advisor, are in charge of arrangements for the events.

Tryouts to select affirmative and negative teams for debating tournaments scheduled for the spring at Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Va., and at Lenoir-Rhyne, Hickory, have been set for January 13. Members of the Jarvis Forensic club are already studying and discussing the intercollegiate debate topic, Resolved, That the Federal Government should adopt a policy of Equalizing Educational Opportunity in tax supported schools by means of annual grants.

At a recent meeting of the organization an invitation to debate the intercollegiate topic with affirmative and negative teams from the Norfolk division of William and Mary was accepted, and plans for holding the contest here on December 16 are now in progress. Volunteer teams composed of Frank Toothman, Ayden; George Lassiter, Goldsboro; Nicholas Fokakis, Wilmington; and Milton Fields, Scotland Neck, will represent East Carolina.

Two new officers have been elected by the Jarvis Forensic club and have begun their duties. They are Richard P. Holloman, Goldsboro, parliamentarian, and Miles Buck, Syracuse, N.Y., sergeant at arms.

Contest!

Milton Fields, editor-in-chief of the Tecocoan has announced that a "campus photo" contest is now in progress. The contest which began last week will extend through January 10, 1949. All pictures submitted must be campus shots and all pictures good enough to be used in the Tecocoan will become the property of the Tecocoan. A prize of ten dollars will be given for the best picture. Mail all snapshots to Milton Fields, P.O. Box 63, College.

East Carolina Stadium Drive Underway With Ed E. Rawl As County Chairman

Music Department Presents Christmas Concert Tomorrow

A program of Christmas music to be presented by the department of music at East Carolina Teachers college tomorrow evening, December 16, will include varied selections by student soloists and music organizations on the campus. The concert will take place in the Austin auditorium at 8:00 o'clock, and will be open to the public.

A Christmas cantata "Stabat Mater Speciosa" by Philip James, sung by the College Choir of mixed voices under the direction of Dr. Karl V. Gilbert, will be a major attraction of the program. Betty Croom of Rocky Mount and Robert Mays of Hopewell, Va., will be soloists. Presented for the first time will be a group of three carols composed by music students at the college. Other numbers will include vocal and piano solos, selections by a clarinet quartet and a brass ensemble, and carols by the Women's Chorus directed by Dan E. Vornholt of the faculty.

Student composers and works by them which will be introduced on the Christmas program are Annette Hughes, Willard, "Carol of the Birds;" Robert Mays, Hopewell, Va., "Once in Bethlehem," with words by Alexander Livesay, sophomore from Rocky Mount; and Nina Abernethy, Rocky Mount, who wrote the words and composed the music of "Where Is Christmas?" These carols will be sung by a double quartet of men and women students.

Among others appearing in special numbers on the program will be Robert Craft, Beulahville; Eunice Britton, Havelock; William Adcock, Durham; Ethel Clement, Oxford; William Glasgow, Jr., Lee Rogers, Jr., and Edward Benson, Rocky Mount; John Stone, Jr., and Boyd Elliott, Thomasville; Rollins Mims, Jr., Henderson; Herbert Dale and Rodney Roberts, Greenville; Harold Grant, Selma; Robert Gaskins, New Bern; Mary Wallace Foy, Pollockville; and Barbara Massey, Pleasant Hill.

State Magazine Carries ECTC Ads

Business men of Greenville recently began a series of advertisements in The State magazine for East Carolina Teachers college for the purpose of increasing the enrollment of the college. Plans have been made to run advertisements in at least eight issues of the magazine.

The first advertisement, which appeared on the back of The State on October 31, was made up of a campus scene looking from the Beckwith gate to the Classroom building and a short history and description of the college. In the November 27 issue of the magazine a picture and a brief biography of President John D. Messick was featured.

Each advertisement will be a full page and various issue will feature different parts of the college.



Ed E. Rawl

Little Symphony Orchestra Partly Organized Here

Dr. Rudolph Willmann, director of the music department, is conducting an East Carolina symphony orchestra, which was organized at East Carolina Teachers college on November 15. In the organization there are already twenty-seven members including college staff, students, residents of Greenville, and of the surrounding community.

The orchestra has reached the proportions of a little symphony and applications for membership are still being received. Openings in the orchestra exist in the string section and there are a few openings in the wood wind section.

The orchestra is rehearsing standard symphonic literature and has begun work on the symphonies by Hayden and Mozart. Plans are going forward for work on symphonies by other composers.

Plans for an East Carolina orchestra were under consideration last year; now the fulfillment of this plan is realized in the group now organized. One of the purposes of this group will be to offer an opportunity to local musicians to play some of the finer literature and to provide a form of high type music for this section of North Carolina.

'Follies Of 1949' Gives First Show Here Feb. 2

With fall quarter exams and Thanksgiving vacations in the past, the entire cast of the Veterans club "Follies of 1949" has reported for rehearsals. At present the cast meets on Monday and Wednesday nights of each week. After the Christmas vacation all stops will be eliminated and nightly rehearsals will prevail.

Eli Bloom, Greenville attorney, is again directing the show. Those who have witnessed the two previous shows directed by Mr. Bloom are aware of his talent in preparing hilarious entertainment.

The first performances of the "Follies" will be presented at the college on February 2 and 3.

Walsh And Ficklen Teamed With Rawl In Fund Drive

by Jack Hedgepeth

The long and eagerly awaited East Carolina stadium drive, spear-headed by Ed E. Rawl, vice-president of the Carolina Sales Corporation, is moving swiftly downfield to the double-chalk mark of success.

Starting the drive on November 22, a group of more than half hundred leading business and professional men of Greenville, agreeing that East Carolina Teachers college should have a football stadium and progressive athletic program to keep in line with other colleges and with our own outstanding educational facilities, handed the ball to Rawl after pledging their wholehearted support. Rawl teaming up with Louis Stuart Ficklen and with Chester Walsh, as publicity director, is moving the ball steadily toward the goal.

Dr. John D. Messick, in a short talk to the group on November 22, urged the program on when he told them, "I am doing what no college president should do, in asking for support of an athletic program for my school, but I feel it is in the best interest of East Carolina Teachers college to have a stadium and a decent place to play football."

Mr. Rawl immediately pledged the financial support of the community and set about to raise the balance of \$25,000 by Christmas, after receiving \$8,000 in pledges that night. He started working at once, sending out letters to hundreds of people who are interested in the welfare of East Carolina, not only here, but elsewhere.

In the most recent report, Chairman Rawl has stated that substantial contributions are steadily coming in, and that he and his committees are much encouraged.

Rawl in a recent appearance before the Kiwanis club (a club that has pledged its support) was eloquent in his tribute to the college and the fine cavalier of education who is its president. Rawl, always cheerful, always optimistic, made an earnest plea to the people of Greenville to contribute to the football stadium fund and urged that support be given for a better athletic program at the college.

President Messick has pointed out what football will do for East Carolina, what it has done, and is doing for other colleges. He stressed the point that a well prepared football field will interest other college football teams in wanting to play more games here.

In addition, President Messick has pointed out that the football stadium would provide a place for concerts and pageants as well as a place for Greenville High school to play its football games.

Taking the cue the students and faculty of East Carolina have boarded the band-wagon and have pledged their financial support. No figures have yet been made public, but all points seem to indicate that the \$25,000 goal will be reached by Christmas.



It's practice time, as the "Follies of 1949" gets underway. Under the direction of Marie Wallace, director of dancing, and Eli Bloom, general director, the beginning practice of "Follies" has begun. The Veterans minstrel which has been an annual event for three years, will be presented here on February 2 and 3.