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Recent Educational Activities

VARIETY OF COURSES OFFERED THIS YEAR

Roving Reporter Finds Interting Sidelights On Curriculum Offerings.

DEAN GIBBS EXPLAINS

Preference For College Credits Subjects Is Shown By Majority of Students This Year.

The present session of summer school will make history in many respects according to Dean Warmoth T. Gibbs, the director, one is the large number of courses that are being taught, and another is the variety of courses in the general fields of study that has become necessary to meet the needs of summer school students.

With the great improvements that have taken place in recent years in the organization of the summer school, the larger and better trained faculty, the better library and laboratory facilities, have come demands for newer and clearer statements and restatements of what we call the educational process in the form of courses.

A glance at the schedule followed by a trip to several class rooms will be sufficient to show that the new North Carolina state course of study is undergoing further scientific investigation and revelation at the hands of men and women who know this topic—what it is, as well as what it ought to be.

Just across the hall, or perhaps at the signal for class changes you will find equally serious groups, often in heated discussion of "sociology." Social organization, trends, reorganization, and readjustment, forbidding subjects in some sophisticated groups, are carefully examined and explained in the light of present day needs and conditions, especially in rural districts and smaller urban centers.

One of the most popular courses on the campus is that in rural school organization and administration. A few minutes in any of the several classes will be sufficient to convince the most critical that those rural schools of North Carolina and other states that will be so fortunate as to employ a teacher from this summer school will be in line for better days and a larger service. Never before has the rural school been looked upon with so much enthusiasm as the natural civic and social center of its community.

It is observed that the courses in history, political science and economics are so large that they had to be subdivided into working sections. What has been the cause of this unusual interest has not been definitely determined but it seems that the Italo-Ethiopian war, along with our own national and state elections have contributed their share in popularizing these courses.

Whatever may be the cause, the roving reporter is convinced that the zeal for the social sciences is strong and extends in all fields—ancient, medieval, modern, American Negro.

The business courses and especially typewriting, have made their appeal too. Every afternoon the commercial rooms take on the aspect of a big business force and the music of the typewriters continues until interrupted by the dinner bell, only to be resumed immediately afterwards and continued until late evening.

Here you see fine examples of fine young ladies preparing themselves for clerical positions as well as teaching. Some are preparing themselves to assist their principals in keeping accurate modern records.

In the foreign languages, courses in French, German and Spanish are organized with interesting groups. Last year French was the only modern foreign language to be offered.

Full college courses in Chemistry, Physics, and Mathematics are being offered in accordance with the college standards as to prerequisites and the amount of work to be completed. Most of the stu-

dents in these courses and in the foreign languages are preparing either for graduation or for graduate study.

Courses in physical education and coaching forward successfully in spite of the heat. Every hour of the school day you can see people, young and old, wending their way to and from, the gym, where they go through strenuous exercises and stunts with apparently no thought of the weather. This reporter is almost ready to conclude that summer is the best season for these courses.

In the fine arts, the music and drawing studios are open and in use daily. With the contributions of all the great masters, past and present before them, the men and women registered in these courses have almost unlimited resources and opportunities for inspiration and practice. According to reports they are making the most of them. Budding artists may be seen long after the school day is over, either in the studio or on the campus with pen and pad, working on the great masterpieces which they have dreamed of producing.

And English, English, English! Truly this is the year for English. Just why they are making so much ado about English is a question, but it is at least partly understandable—English is used in many ways and in many places, now as formerly.

In addition to the ordinary courses in composition and literature, a number of special courses such as Teachers Course in Public Speaking and Reading, Community and Creative Dramatics, Argumentation and Debating, and Negro Literature are included in the list, according to our best information and belief they are kept busy in all of these English classes.

And so the hours, days and weeks pass at the A. and T. summer school. Everybody seems busy, and nobody appears to be interested in taking time out to grant interviews. So your roving reporter had to gather his information as well as he could under the circumstances.

The A. and T. summer school gives the visitor the appearance of a big modern factory where, not material goods, but skills, knowledge and understanding, where ideas, dreams and ambitions produced on an ever increasing scale, in quantity and quality. They work, but they enjoy themselves. They complain but they always return the next year.

Dean Gibbs explained that the second session will also offer a long list and wide variety of courses, open to those planning to continue as well as those who will register for the second session only.

Summer School Students Attend City Churches

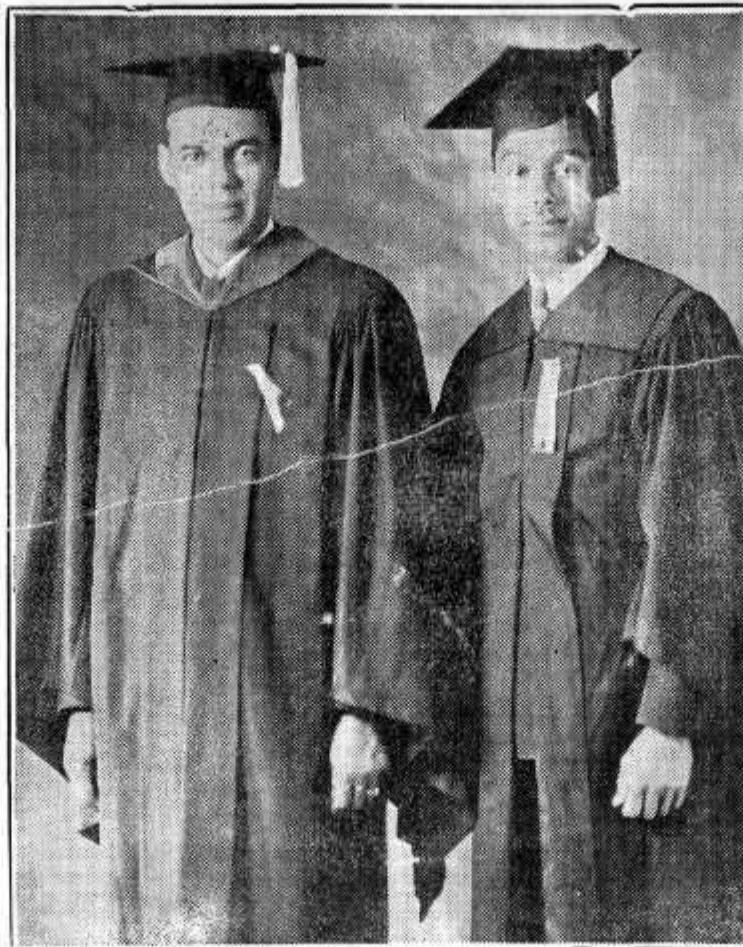
President Bluford is pleased to hear that so many of the summer school teachers are taking part in the religious activities in the local churches.

Ministers and citizens of Greensboro are taking note of the remarkable interest that the teachers are taking in the Sunday School, Christian Endeavor, Sunday morning and evening services and in some of the prayer meetings.

Very seldom people who are here for such a short while take part in such activities.

Some of the churches attended are: Bethel A. M. E. Church, pastored by Rev. T. L. Scott, United Institutional Baptist Church, pastored by Rev. J. C. Melton, A. M.

SON FOLLOWS FATHER



Left: Mr. J. W. Mitchell, district farm agent of North Carolina, who graduated from this institution in 1906. Right: Rineva Grenville Mitchell, who graduated from this institution in 1936. He was one of the outstanding students of the class.

Several Educational Tours Are Completed

Many Others Planned Including Washington, D. C. and the Blue Ridge Mountains.

The college summer school group has completed several important educational tours, and has planned to visit other points of interest, including Washington, D. C. and the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia.

The completed tours afforded a variety of beautiful and practical information to everyone of the large group represented. These tours included visits to the following places: The City Water Supply Company; Jones Bakery Company; Duke Power Company; Southern

Dairy Company; Bell Telephone Company; W. I. Anderson and Company (seed store); Gilford Battle Gorund; Elon College, Raleigh; and other points of interest.

At each of these places was a director who gave detailed information on all important points to be considered, and cleared up all questions.

Prof. E. C. Dean is chairman of the Educational Tour Committee, and is doing a very creditable job in planning and perfecting these tours.

E. Zion Church, pastored by Rev. H. F. Weatherspoon; St. James Presbyterian Church, pastored by Rev. H. C. Miller; St. Matthews M. E. Church, pastored by Rev. R. T. Weatherby; Shiloh Baptist Church; pastored by Rev. Hairston; Mt. Olive A. M. E. Zion Church, pastored by Rev. Marshall; Providence Baptist, pastored by Rev. J. W. Tynes, and the Church of the Redeemer pastored by Rev. J. J. Greene.

Noted Artists Appear On Lyceum Program

The Lyceum program of the summer school opened Monday, June 15, at 11:30, a. m., when Mr. George Matthews, tenor presented a delightful program of classical and spiritual selections. Mr. Matthews is a former student of Bennett and A. and T. Colleges, and has sung in many parts of the United States, as well as on the air. He was accompanied by Mr. Harmon Fitch of Johnson C. Smith University.

On Friday morning, June 19, at 8:00 a. m., Mr. Karl Bolander, noted art lecturer of Columbus, Ohio, gave an illustrated art lecture on the subject, "The Enrichment of Life Throughout Art Education." Mr. Bolander began his lecture with a discussion on how life can be made more beautiful and more artistic by proper use of the simplest and cheapest materials to be found. The most outstanding of the illustrations was a beautiful luncheon cloth which was made in Africa.

The Davies Light Opera Company composed of a mixed vocal quartet and a pianist, very pleasingly entertained the summer school, Tuesday, June 23, at 11:30 a. m. The feature of the program was the "Sextet from Lucia" arranged for the left hand. This was

rendered delightfully by the pianist.

On Wednesday, July 1, at 11:30 a. m., the Boston Symphony Singers presented to the summer school a delightful program of songs. The group was composed of a mixed quartet and a pianist.

Miss Ethyl B. Wise, lyric soprano and former head of the department of music at A. and T. College appeared before the summer school Tuesday July 7, at 11:30 a. m. Her program was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. She was accompanied by Mrs. Julia Young Sessoms of the A. and T. College faculty.

New York U. Teacher Is Heard

Dr. Ambrose S. Suhrie, noted lecturer and teacher of New York University, at the chapel exercise on June 24 spoke to the teachers on the subject: "The Relationships of Teachers and Students."

The speaker expressed in most practical philosophy his concepts of what constituted a good teacher and a good school. "A good teacher cooperates and so conducts himself that others may be able to work with him. A good school is a place where young people come together to educate themselves and inspire others," he stated.

Dr. Suhrie held the interest of his audience on vital issues relative to his subject; at intervals in his discourse, colorful illustrations made vivid by a sense of rich humor, added to the enjoyment and appreciation of the address.

Presentation of the speaker was made by Dean Gibbs who presided.

The wettest spot in the world is at Cherrorpunji in the Himalayas. The average yearly rainfall is 466 inches. In 1861, it is recorded, 918 inches fell, a third of it during the month of June alone. In a single day more water falls at this point than most American sections experience in a year.

Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown Delivers Address

President of State Teachers Association Stressed Points of Interest. Special Music Was Rendered.

Members of the summer school at A. & T. College heard an address delivered by Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, president of the Palmer Memorial Institute at Sedalia. She came to the summer school as the president of the State Teachers Association.

In her address Dr. Brown emphasized the fact that the Negro teachers should put special emphasis on teaching their children the art of working well and loving to work with their hands as well as with their minds. She felt that the solution to many problems would come about when "we learn how to get a job and put art into it."

The next point in her speech dealt with the teaching of individual respect as well as respect for the achievement of the Negro group. Negro youths should be taught of their heritage and the teachers should let it be known that Negro history has been a worthwhile one in American civilization.

Mr. Eugene Brice, a noted musician, rendered a number of musical selections which added much to the program. Mr. Brice is a nephew of Dr. Brown and is a graduate of Falmer.

W. R. Johnson Speaks

At a special noon chapel exercise on Thursday, July 9, William R. Johnson, of the State Board of Public Welfare at Raleigh, gave an address to the Summer School students and teachers in the Dudley Memorial Auditorium. He was introduced by Dean W. T. Gibbs, Summer School director.

Mr. Johnson said in part: "During the last two decades every state in the South has decreased its Negro population except North Carolina." He attributed the fact that North Carolina had kept its Negro population to the advanced school system opportunities in industry and other desirable factors which obtain in the economic and social life of the State.

"We have more accredited Negro high schools in North Carolina than in all of the other southern states combined, exclusive of Texas," the speaker said, "yet," he continued, "with all of our advantages we have hardly scratched the surface."

He then spoke at length of the great need for State Aid at Efland Home, the school for delinquent Negro girls which has been largely sponsored by the Federation of Colored Women's Clubs and suggested that the teachers use their influence toward the end of having the State assume the full responsibility of caring for the home.

Further he said: "You cannot ride over twenty miles in North Carolina without seeing a vast vanguard of young men from eighteen to twenty-five years of age who belong to our prison population. The new emphasis in the field of education today is on community education, the education of our parents so that in early and adolescent years children will be given proper home environment and taught ideals so that such state dependents will no longer exist."

Prof. Tarpley Leaves

Professor J. A. Tarpley, who is a member of the summer school teaching staff and principal of the James B. Dudley High School, was called to the bedside of his father in Dallas, Texas, recently.

In his absence Professor J. A.

Dean W. T. Gibbs Speaks To Summer School Teachers

Dean Warmoth T. Gibbs, head of the Science department and director of the summer school spoke to the summer school teachers during chapel hour in the Dudley auditorium.

In his message he emphasized the fact that all teachers who are now holding C certificates will not be able to raise them to A's by 1939. If they attend both summer school and extension it is impossible to get in the required number of hours. In order to have an A certificate, all these people who now have C's must go back and spend some time in school.

McRae, principal of the Washington High School in Reidsville, is conducting his classes. Professor McRae holds his master's degree from Columbia University and is rated as one of the best teachers in North Carolina.

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