

# Student Organizations Hold Vital Place On Campus

## Hard Work Putting This Baby to Bed

**Origin and Planning of Anniversary Edition Told by Editor**

By E. P. DAVIDSON, Editor

Almost a year ago, to be exact last November, I was riding to Durham to attend a meeting of the North Carolina Collegiate Press Association with C. R. Lefort, assistant dean of students, and Stephen Sailer, then editor of THE TECHNICIAN.

True to form, our discussion hinged almost entirely upon various phases of newspaper work. We talked of daily and bi-weekly editions, editorial policies and of news presentation. Our conversation included activities of the college, Homecoming, Greater University Day, and then the celebration of the 50th anniversary of State was mentioned. At that point Dean Lefort mentioned that he thought it would be nice for THE TECHNICIAN to publish a special 50-page edition in conjunction with the observance of the 50th anniversary of the college—50th anniversary, 50 pages. Although no more was said on the subject at that time, the idea found a nestling place in the schemes of all three of us.

Approved

The matter was brought into a discussion again until early summer when we were making plans for the publication of this year's newspaper. Around the first of May it was taken up at a meeting of the Publications Board, where it found approval.

Here was the beginning of a long period of planning, preparing and hard work for many people. To begin such a gigantic task—and it was gigantic to us—many extensive plans had to be made both from an editorial and business standpoint.

Following the approval of the project by the Publications Board, we held a meeting in Dean Lefort's office. Sitting around the table were Steve Sailer and Morton Brown, last year's editor and business manager; Bill Aldridge, business manager-elect; Dean Lefort, and myself. From the conference came a workable plan, whereby State College could have a 50-page edition, which in the knowledge of the group would be the largest college newspaper ever published in the South.

Seeing that much work would be required, Bill and I made plans to stay in Raleigh during the summer so that the majority of the material could be gotten up before school began this fall.

Excellent Assistance

Helping in the work this summer were two men without whose aid the edition would probably have been a failure. Assisting on the advertising was Dean Lefort, while I was being backed up by Mr. Upchurch, director of the College News Bureau, who is not only an excellent newspaperman, but a true gentleman.

The man who said that the hardest part of doing a job was getting started certainly hit the nail on the head in our case. Things went slow during the first part of the summer, and it took quite a while to get well under way.

Bill plugged on with his advertisements and shortly began to make progress. He sent hundreds of letters and refused to lose hope. I began to write copy, which seemed so little compared to the amount that would be needed for 50 pages.

Then came the problem of drawing up eight pages of a rotogravure section, which turned out to be somewhat of a task. Mr. Upchurch, a photographer and myself visited every office on the campus, snapped a picture, and hurried on. Occasionally we stopped to photograph a building, a campus scene, or an unusual group. The photographer worked hard for a night shot of the Memorial Tower, and after several unsuccessful tries, finally produced a beautiful picture. We visited old alumni and members of the first graduating class, seeking old snapshots.

Seventy Pictures

Finally, at the end of about a week, we had in our possession over 70 pictures, including some old gems that were really valuable. From the Art Gravure Company came instructions on the drawing up of a rotogravure section, and we found that the entire eight pages had to be drawn to scale and rid of 30 per cent of their bacteria, and instruments, and work progressed. Grouping the pictures with somewhat of a system in mind, we planned all eight pages, and then our unartistic efforts began.

Almost a week of constant drawing was consumed before we had eight complete but far from perfect photos. The instructions then said to have all lines that go under the pictures set up on a Linotype machine, take a proof of the type.

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## State's Alumni Are Scattered All Over Globe

**Over 20,000 Former Students Hold Positions of Importance In Every Corner of the World**

Having increased from none in 1889 to 20,000 in 1939, State College alumni are scattered all over the world. They are holding positions of importance in the fields of agriculture, engineering, textiles, business, education, public office, and other professions. A large number of State College alumni own and operate businesses of their own and many of their businesses represent the leading industries of this and other countries.

State College is justly proud of its alumni and the college always welcomes an opportunity to hear from the alumni either individually or collectively. Through the General Alumni Association, the Alumni News, the Alumni Office, local alumni clubs and by personal contact, every alumnus of State College has an opportunity to express his interest in the college.

The progress of State College during the past 50 years has been greater than many people realize. Few alumni realize that the college's real estate in or near Raleigh has increased from \$1,000 in 1889 to more than \$5,000,000 and its income has increased from eight to over \$30,000, not including Extension Service workers; its student body has increased from 72 to over 2,300; its permanent buildings have grown from one to 38; the value of the plant has increased from about \$30,000 to almost \$3,000,000. Its books have grown from a handful to more than 50,000 and its alumni have increased from none to about 20,000. The college in 50 years has advanced from an unknown quantity to a position of leadership in the state and nation. These facts and many others concerning the history and progress of State College are brought out by Dr. David A. Lockhart in his book, "History of the North Carolina State College," which has just been published. Every alumnus of State College should read this book to better acquaint himself with his Alma Mater. When the alumni become thoroughly informed on the subject of State College, their enthusiasm and interest will automatically increase and their more active support will result in a greater State College.

## Firm Will Profit By Frozen Assets

**Former Faculty Member to Operate Novel Business Enterprise**

A rather unique and novel business has been begun by Russell G. Broadus, assistant agricultural engineer, who resigned from the State College faculty two weeks ago to enter the field of business.

Broadus will be the manager of the Carolina Freezer Lockers, Inc., which is at present constructing a freezing plant on Glenwood Avenue in Raleigh.

When completed, Broadus said, the plant will contain a quick-freezing chamber where meats and vegetables, without loss of flavor, may be frozen almost instantly at 25 degrees below zero, and then stored in individual lockers at the zero temperature.

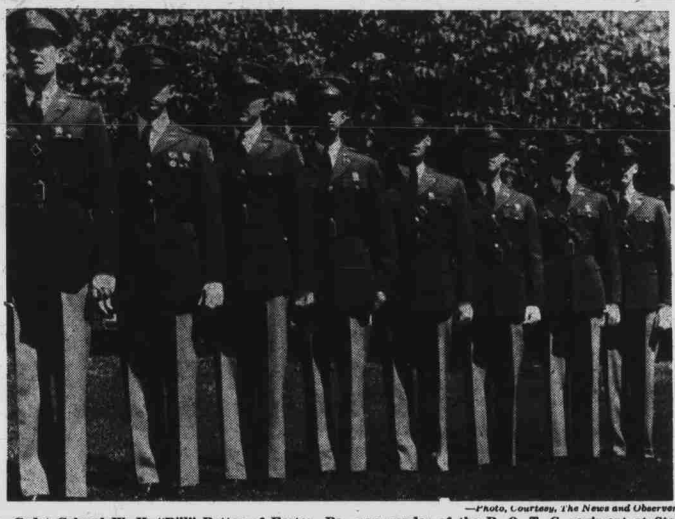
The business will operate by renting individual lockers for a year-round use of individuals or firms. Each renter will have a key to his locker, and may have access to it at any time between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Due to the rapid freezing, preventing the breaking down of cellular structure which results from slower processes, meats will be made 20 per cent more tender and rid of 30 per cent of their bacteria, the former State College engineer stated.

An average capacity of 275 to 350 pounds of food is expected for each of the 455 lockers which the plant will contain, Broadus stated.

"Suppose a farm family wants to kill a calf or hog and save some of it for later consumption. For two cents a pound we'll cut the meat to any desired size, package and freeze it. It may be eaten any time within two or three years."

## REGIMENTAL STAFF OF STATE COLLEGE R.O.T.C.



Cadet Colonel W. H. "Bill" Retter of Easton, Pa., commander of the R. O. T. C. regiment at State College, is shown here with the cadet regimental staff. The regiment now contains about 1,500 military students. Last fall its personnel numbered about 1,200. Shown above, left to right, are Capt. Arthur E. Williams of Greensboro, Capt. Leslie N. Boney of Wilmington, Capt. J. A. Newnam of Leaksville, Captain Adjutant Troy D. Williams of Winston-Salem, Colonel Retter, Lieut.-Col. Henry D. "Buddy" Means of Concord, Capt. John D. Atkins, Jr., of High Point, and Capt. Richard P. McCabe of Raleigh.

## Lefort Campus Leader Auditor Leaves To Resume Study

**Assistant Dean of Students Prominent at State, Former President of Student Body**

Assistant Dean of Students Charles Romeo Lefort first became associated with State College when he came here from Greensboro and enrolled as a freshman in Chemical Engineering in the fall of 1932.

During his freshman year he went out for both football and track, winning his numerals in the latter sport. As a sophomore he continued his work on the football field, although he did not win a place on the varsity eleven that year. In the spring he was elected president of the reeling junior class.

As a junior he succeeded in winning an important place as right guard in the Wolfpack lineup and continued to hold down that position for two seasons.

Having gained great popularity with his fellow students as president of the junior class, Romeo was elected president of the student body by an overwhelming majority. As a senior he won many honors, among them membership in Blue Key, Golden Chain, A. I. Ch. E. Varsity Club and Seaboard and Blade. Probably the greatest honor won by him was the Elder P. D. Gold Citizenship Medal, awarded each year by C. W. Gold, class of 1896, in memory of his father, for whom the medal was named. The award goes to the senior who has most distinguished himself in scholarship, student leadership, athletics and public speaking.

Romeo received his degree as Bachelor of Science in chemical engineering with his class in 1932. While on his way to accept a position with a concern in the West, he received a telegram from the college heads offering him a position as assistant dean of students, a post created for him. He returned to Raleigh to discuss the proposal with Dr. E. C. Brooks, who was head of the college at that time.

When he first accepted the position he now holds, Romeo intended to take graduate work and later seek a job in his chosen field. However, after taking up his duties here he found that the work was so pleasant and enjoyable because of its many contacts with the students that he decided to make the college his life work.

**Sub-Freshmen**

The sub-freshman course in English, referred to in another section of "The Technician," will not be given this year. Because of the resignation of Dr. Carlyle Campbell to become president of Meredith College, it was thought best not to give the course now. As originally planned, the course would give a 1-hour credit for 3-hour attendance, but the Faculty Council ruled against partial credit. The course, when given, will carry no credit.

**M. L. Shepherd, of Extension Service, Will Take Work at Cornell**

M. L. Shepherd, auditor and administrative assistant in the Agricultural Extension Service at State College, left Saturday for a year of graduate study in administration and allied subjects at Cornell University. He has been granted a leave of absence for the study.

Mr. Shepherd was accompanied by his wife, who will enroll in the graduate school of home economics to complete work which she started at Cornell in the last semester.

An active alumnus and booster of State College, Shepherd came to the college in 1927 with six of the eight boys in his high school graduating class at Orrum, in Robeson County. Shepherd has remained at the college since he entered, either as a student or an employee.

Shepherd served as associate secretary of the College YMCA and student self-help director from 1931 to 1932, when he joined the extension service staff. In 1933 he organized the government program to aid students at State College and administered it until 1936.

Always a loyal participant in alumni work, Shepherd now is assistant secretary of the General Alumni Association and secretary of the Alumni Loyalty Fund Council.

**I. R. C.**

The International Relations Club at State was created to arouse interest, on the part of students in national and international affairs. During the school year, the I. R. C. has outstanding political speakers visit and speak on the campus. The meetings will be held the first and third Thursday nights in the month, and most meetings will be open to the general public.

**F. F. A.**

The local chapter of the Future Farmers of America was founded at State to draw together those students studying toward a degree in agricultural education. It seeks to develop the professional attitudes of its members by discussion on the latest phases and trends in agriculture at its regular meetings.

## Take Major Part In All Activities

### Fire Fighting Students' Job In Early Years

**Places Assigned Each Individual at College 44 Years Ago**

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Forty-four years ago little equipment was made at the college in the line for fire fighting equipment. Far from the city limits at that time, fire equipment would have been of little value. Therefore, the college organized its own fire fighting system, as is told here in notes made in an old ledger, which is the property of William Hand Brown, Jr., professor of electrical engineering.)

1. Upon the alarm of fire, the senior mechanical students will proceed at once to the boiler-house, force the fires, prime and start the pump.
2. The senior and junior agricultural students will proceed at once to the chemical engine (in barn), and take it to the scene of fire, lead out its hose, and start stream.
3. On the alarm of fire, each student not specially stationed will at once take his sloop bucket and form in front of his dormitory, and, under the direction of his chief, proceed on the run to the scene of the fire and form bucket line from nearest well or water supply.
4. Outside nozzlemen—Lead out and connect up hose and lead nozzle. Those kept on basement floor under south stairs.
5. Smotherers—Take their blankets and proceed to fire and be prepared to wet the blankets and smother fire or protect adjacent walls.

If alarm occurs during the day, students will at once proceed rapidly but collectively to their rooms, take their buckets, if smotherer buckets if bucket men, and thence to the fire.

If fire occurs during study hours, upon the alarm professors will dismiss their classes.

If fire occurs in main building the occupants of this building will lead out the inside hose, and attend to the fire. Those of this building stationed as outside nozzlemen and smotherers will perform such duties.

For the present rapid ringing of the college bell will be the fire signal—followed by blasts of the steam whistle.

One blast of steam whistle means 1st group—main building, shops, mess hall; two blasts, second group—dormitories; three blasts, third group—barns, dairy.

### Numerous Groups Foster Scholarship, Leadership, Honor, and Professional Interest

Active on the State College campus are a very large number of organizations, societies, fraternities and orders, which play an important part in student life, welfare and success.

Far too numerous to analyze separately, the work of these various campus groups centers about scholarship, leadership, and outstanding men in various phases of campus work.

These campus organizations are not contented to secure members, collect dues and remain idle. Naturally many of them do not carry on as extensive activities as others, but each plays an important part in its field.

The majority of these groups have as their main purpose the promotion of college events, improvement of student welfare and the betterment of the State College community as a whole. Numerous of them have scholastic aims and honor outstanding leaders of the campus.

However, not content with only scholastic and improvement work, they also endeavor to add something to the social life of the college through many dances sponsored by organizations in the college gym. The majority of these dances are well attended, and the conduct of the students in attendance is excellent.

Similar college events, such as Homecoming, Greater University Day, Student-Faculty Day, and dozens of others are taken over by a campus group. Under the leadership of an organization, elaborate programs are planned and executed, and success of every plan has been evidenced. "Hello Week" furnishes another example of the efforts of the campus societies to promote the students' relations with each other and with the faculty.

The social fraternities band together under the leadership of the Interfraternity Council to do work similar to that carried on by many of the other organizations.

Here at State College we find professional fraternities which endeavor to help the students when they graduate and to keep them in close touch with industry while they are in college. Departmental societies and school societies assist the students in their particular branches of study.

Honor societies cover all fields, many being restricted to one particular branch of curricula, others to scholarship alone, and two whose main interest is placed on leadership ability.

All campus organizations have the full-hearted support of the administration, with whom they maintain close contact. Each group elects officers who conduct the business affairs of the group in a proper manner.

It would be hard to describe all of these groups to you, and for that reason we are printing a summary of many of them on this and other pages.

Trust it will be to any campus, our hope is that they will continue to enjoy the success that they have experienced in the past.

## Pillsbury Cites Campus Changes

**Huge Cistern Still Remains Beneath Blue Key Bulletin Board**

"Have you noticed that tree behind the Blue Key Bulletin Board?" asked Professor Pillsbury, of the Agricultural School, in an interview. "Well, it was planted over an old cistern which was kept full of water years ago in case of fire at the college. When the cistern was no longer needed it was filled with bricks and rocks. That is why it takes so much water to keep the tree alive. Most of it goes into the old cistern."

"When I came here in 1911," continued the professor, "there were only five or six buildings on the campus. 1911 field was planted in corn and the rest of the season of corn growing. At that time the campus consisted of about fifty-five acres. The twenty-eight acre tract of land west of Pease Hall was bought for about \$200, an investment which is now worth at least \$75,000."

"The street which runs in front of the cafeteria and curves around between Pullen Hall and the geology building before running into Hillsboro was once a straight drive all the way out and entered Hillsboro at the point now covered by the east wing of the textile building. When the wing was added the drive was curved into its present form."

"A dump for all the rocks and old bricks on the campus was located where the ceramic building now stands. The power house and smoke stack were located approximately on the site of Pease Hall. There were only from three to five hundred students enrolled here then. In landscaping the campus we have tried to conform to good taste and design as much as possible."

## OFFICIALS OF STUDENTS' AGRICULTURAL FAIR



Exhibits depicting the practical side of modern agricultural education will be displayed at the North Carolina State Fair October 10-14 by students in the School of Agriculture at State College. The Students' Agricultural Fair will be presented in the east wing of the main exhibit building. Officers of the Ag Fair, pictured above, are: Charles A. Hunter, president; Paul H. Wetmore, vice president; and Sexton C. Vinson, secretary.

## P. D. Gold Medal Awarded Annually To Senior Leader

**Winner Selected Each Year by Vote of Entire Class at Meeting**

The Elder P. D. Gold Citizenship Medal is awarded annually to the senior who is judged the best all-round student of the college. The medal is given by Charles W. Gold, of Greensboro, an alumnus of the college, class of 1896.

The medal is given in memory of Elder P. D. Gold, father of the donor. It does not stress any one phase of college life to the exclusion of the others, but is intended to stimulate better citizenship on the part of all State College students.

The design of the medal is a four-leaved clover. The leaves represent leadership, scholarship, public speaking, and athletics. A composite ranking of the outstanding men of the senior class is obtained from the ranking members of the junior class every year. In this manner the winner of the award is determined by the students.

**FRATERNITIES UNITE**

Theta Kappa Nu and Lambda Chi Alpha, national social fraternities, have combined under the name of the latter group.

# Afterword . . .

**AS** the fiftieth page of this paper goes to press, we issue a sigh of relief—yet we are sorry that our work on this, the Fiftieth Anniversary Edition, is over.

**T**RUE, we have made many mistakes, and if we could start from the beginning now, it would be much better. However, we ask you, the readers, to overlook the mistakes, and from this edition increase your knowledge and your love for North Carolina State College. May her progress continue to parallel that of the past fifty years.

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# Rural Youth Trained in 4-H Program

## State College Extension Service Aids In Project

### Memberships of Organizations Nearly 50,000; 4-H Students Are Familiar With Campus

By JOHN FOX

Scores of students who enter N. C. State College every fall as freshmen surprise upperclassmen with their knowledge of the campus. They know where Pullen Hall, Peete Hall and many other buildings are located; they have slept in 1911 Dormitory; they have trod the grass of Riddick Field. They have been, and in many cases still are, 4-H Club members in their home communities, and have attended the annual State 4-H Short Courses at State College which are held each summer.

In many instances affiliation with 4-H Clubs and the opportunity to attend the short courses have stimulated in boys the desire to matriculate in the regular courses at State College. That is one of the purposes of the 4-H clubs, the largest organization of young people in the world—to promote the educational development of rural youth.

The 4-H clubs are a part of State College. They are organized and directed by the Agricultural Extension Service, which has its headquarters in Ricks Hall. There are more than 1,500 of these rural youth organizations in the State, with a membership of nearly 50,000 boys and girls.

It is not unusual for a student who enrolls in State College in September to leave behind him at home a dairy or beef calf which he is raising, or an acre of cotton which he is growing, as a 4-H club project. Younger brothers and sisters, and dads and mothers, complete the project, or at least care for it until vacation time.

Many boys grow out of the 4-H clubs when they reach the college age, but promptly join Older Youth or Service clubs which are a part of the Agricultural Extension Service's program, and which fill the gap between the 4-H clubs and the adult farm organizations.

L. R. Harrill ('22) is State leader of the 4-H clubs. He has held that post since 1925.

There are, in the United States alone, more than one million, three hundred thousand rural boys and girls enrolled in 4-H clubs, and the movement is rapidly spreading into foreign countries. The four H's stand for "Head, Heart, Hands and Health." The organization is devoted to making the Best, Better, and to the promotion of efficiency in farming and home-making through the physical, educational, and spiritual development of rural youth.

Four-H clubs teach members the art of self-government, the joy of work and accomplishment. They point the way to beauty and understanding, and culture in rural life. They provide for the recreational and social side of life. They are intended to make rural life the attractive, accomplishing, satisfying life of the Nation.

Members of 4-H clubs deal with actual life situations. They plant, cultivate, harvest and market cotton, corn, tobacco, and dozens of other crops. They grow a garden, keep records, and market the salable products while they or their mothers and sisters can and preserve the remainder. They grow pigs, dairy cows, beef cattle, poultry—make exhibits, judge at achievement fairs and county, State and National fairs and expositions. They beautify home grounds and community centers. They camp out in the wilderness each summer, and attend national camps and congresses.

In addition to teaching the club member specific ways of doing things, some of the more important educational objectives are as follows:

1. To help rural boys and girls develop desirable ideals and standards for farming, home-making, community life, and citizenship.
2. To help youths acquire a clear vision of agriculture as a leading industry.
3. To provide rural boys and girls an opportunity to learn by doing.
4. To teach rural boys and girls the value of research and to develop in them a scientific attitude toward the problems of the farm and home.
5. To train rural boys and girls in cooperative action to the end that they may increase their accomplishments and through associated efforts better assist in solving rural problems.
6. To develop in rural boys and girls good habits and healthful living; to provide them with information and direct them in the intelligent use of leisure, and to arouse in them worthy ambition and a desire to continue to learn in order that they may live fuller and richer lives.
7. To teach and demonstrate to rural boys and girls the methods designed to improve practices in agriculture and home-making to the end that farm income will be increased; standards of living improved; and the satisfaction of farm life enhanced.

**Success Program**

The 4-H club program in North Carolina is a broad one, reaching thousands of farm boys and girls. The membership is unlimited, other than the age for membership in the 4-H club. Any rural boy or girl within the age limit from 10 to 20, who is able to equip himself

### Joins Extension Staff

James H. Walsh, a graduate in architectural engineering at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, has been added to the staff of the State College Extension Service as an architectural draftsman. It was announced by Prof. Davis Weaver, head of the department of agricultural engineering at the college. He explained that Walsh will devote his entire time to the development of typical small farm houses and other agricultural structures for North Carolina conditions.

"Our new architectural draftsman will not be available for personal service work in the field, but his work will enable us to greatly expand our free service to the rural people, by state in supplying plans for all types of farm equipment, from houses and barns to fence gates," Prof. Weaver said. The college now has approximately 400 plans for farm structures, which are available through county farm agents, who have lists of the plans.

Walsh was employed in a similar capacity at the University of Arkansas before coming to State College.

### Direct Relationship

That there is a direct relationship between the 4-H clubs and community activities is evidenced by the fact that boys and girls in the community are organized into a 4-H club which has a definite relationship to the rural community, particularly the general agriculture extension program. Not only are its activities woven into the very fibre of the community, but its leadership represents the best manhood and womanhood in the community. To an increasing extent, rural young people of North Carolina are planning their own program as an integral part of the general community and extension program.

One of the most important functions of the 4-H club is the regular meeting held at stated intervals, at least once each month; most clubs follow a year-round program. Members conduct their meetings along parliamentary lines, carry on a program planned in advance, in which the problems of their respective activities are presented and difficulties are discussed. This has been demonstrated by their farm and home-making activities, and slang, play, and carry on other activities of interest to the young people, under the guidance of a local leader.

### Local Leader

The local leader is one of the most important persons in the 4-H group organization and without question, the most unselfish person. He is the one in the community who, because of his interest in young people and the general welfare of his community, gives his time to assist with the program of the 4-H club with club meetings, the training of judging and demonstration teams, and assists with 4-H camps and with other phases of the club program in the community.

### Bright Future

The future of 4-H club work in North Carolina looks unusually bright. The plans in this State conform closely to the national plan and together make up the complete plan. The objective is to develop a program in North Carolina that will fit the needs of the club members and the community. From the standpoint of the community, to develop a program which will provide for a better type of organization; and from the standpoint of the club member, a program that will provide training in citizenship, leadership ability and citizenship training.

With such a program, the possibilities are unlimited and the plan for future development of 4-H club work is one of the building of a richer, broader program designed to fit the needs of the young people of this State. It has been planned to provide an increased income, to give to the club member a deeper appreciation for farm life and the advantages of living on the farm, give training in approved farm and home practices, to provide an opportunity to participate in community activities, to give training in cultural subjects such as music, art, drama, recreation, and to give training in proper health habits, to provide for the enrichment of character and the development of leadership ability and citizenship training.

It is often said that life's decision springs largely from one's attitude and that desirable attitudes can be developed among young people only by providing situations in which she or he may be trained to react in a constructive way. Four-H club work provides these situations, and in a long look ahead, it is the plan and purpose to base plans on these objectives, thinking not necessarily of what may be accomplished immediately, but how the things done at present will effect a long time program of work, which in turn will determine the destiny of our future in agriculture.

### Goddard College

Goddard College is believed to be the only institution of higher education in the U. S. that does not use academic regalia at commencement exercises.

Some 70 college and university presidents are graduates of Indiana University.

### Offers Service

Ella Sternberg, junior in civil engineering, is anxious to offer his services as a student in German, freshman mathematics and descriptive geometry, which begins with the third term. He will charge a modest fee.

Sternberg, who comes from Vienna, Austria, can be located at his room, 328 Dormitory A. He is ready to start coaching at once.

## Prison Bricks Used To Build Holladay Hall

### J. F. Busbee, Then the Clerk at State Penitentiary, Hauled Initial Load

Fifty years ago a young clerk working in the office of the State Penitentiary was called before a superior and given the apparently unimportant task of delivering a wagonload of bricks manufactured in the prison kiln for a state project.

Receiving his directions, the young clerk drove his wagonload of 1,000 bricks out a bumpy dirt road called Hillsboro Street, and dumped them in a vacant field overgrown with weeds.

The state project for which the bricks were to be used was the erection of Holladay Hall, the oldest building on the State College campus, and the young clerk who hauled the first load was Mr. J. F. Busbee, at present a Raleigh resident living at 502 Adams Street.

Mr. Busbee, who still clearly recalls the event that at the time was merely an unassuming task, slipped back into his regular office duties after that first load and a regular foreman took charge of the wagon train carrying prison-made bricks to be used in the construction of the building.

Mr. Busbee reported for work at the State Penitentiary on October 21, 1889. He was reliever of his office duties in 1893 and promoted to the position of machine shop foreman when A. Leaser, state legislator, was instrumental in the founding of State College, became superintendent of the prison.

Upon his dismissal as machine shop foreman in 1897 because of a change in the state administration, Mr. Busbee entered the field of railroading. Taking time out to fight in Cuba with an artillery unit during the Spanish-American War, Mr. Busbee returned to railroading and worked until his retirement in 1937.

His son, Frank, attended State and graduated in 1934, exactly 45 years after the first load of bricks for Holladay Hall was hauled. Frank studied industrial management, and was active in forensic affairs, winning the presidency of Kappa Delta and the International Relations Club.

## Research Proves Soph Lowest Form Animal

### Intensive Survey Indicates Sophomore Can Easily be Detected From Other Forms of Campus Life

(Reprinted by request)

Extensive research and thorough investigation by leading psychologists and biologists this summer have proved conclusively that the lowest form of animal life now known to man is the sophomore.

In appearance the sophomore has big feet, big ears—it hears all, knows all—has curls on its legs, toupee hair, and a wrist watch on its left arm. It also has one key on its watch chain, which makes it a B.M.O.C. (Big Man on Campus).

The sophomore can easily be distinguished from all other forms of campus life, or any other form of life, for that matter. It has a combination of the childish ways of a freshman, the sophomoric ways of a junior, and the dignity of a senior.

By its walk alone the sophomore can be detected with remarkable ease. On the campus it swaggers with a step that indicates that it owns at least two-thirds of the whole college.

In the mop-up it glides around, making witty remarks and displaying manners almost to the nth degree of perfection. In the classroom it displays more intelligence and knowledge than the professor.

The soph's mouth is its best distinguishing feature. There is no other mouth like the mouth of a sophomore. It can discuss any subject from Little Red Riding Hood to the most difficult plays of Shakespeare. It can impart any information desired, whether it be in short division, calculus or mechanics. It can even talk anatomy.

Careful analysis of the mental ability of the sophomore has revealed, however, that it is a wisecracker, and that its plans of intelli-

## Aunt Ellen McGuire Saw College Begin

### Infirmary Worker Has Been Connected With Campus Fifty Years; Is Known to Hundreds of Students and Alumni

Aunt Ellen McGuire, as she is affectionately known by hundreds of State College students and alumni, has been associated with State College since its beginning in 1889. Born Ellen Buffalo, May 30, 1860, on the plantation of Mr. John Smith near Wileys' Grove, 4 1/2 miles east of Raleigh. Ellen was the oldest of 16 children of Martha and Jim Buffalo. Following the Civil War she moved with her family to Orange County, Virginia, near Wileys' Grove, where she lived until she married Pat McGuire in 1875 and settled in the Oberlin section of Raleigh.

Aunt Ellen's husband was from Orange County and his mother was a servant at the University of North Carolina. Pat was also employed as a servant at the University before he started working in 1875 to work for the Raleigh-Gaston railroad. He worked as a freight delivery man from 1875 until his death in 1896.

Attributing her long and active life to hard work, Aunt Ellen still reports for work at the College Infirmary, where she has worked 31 consecutive years. Arrangements have been made for her retirement on a part-pay basis, but Aunt Ellen has no intention of giving up her work entirely.

Before she started working in the College Infirmary in 1908, Aunt Ellen worked in the college dining room which was located at that time in the basement of Pullen Hall. Although the dining room job was Aunt Ellen's first full-time job at the college, she had been employed on various part-time jobs in Holladay Hall since the opening of the college in 1889. Her first job was to mend mattresses and pillows that had been used as "implements of war" and otherwise.

She also helped with the canning of fruits and vegetables from the college farm and assisted at hog killings, house cleanings and other places whenever she was needed. In addition to her work for the college, for 50 years Aunt Ellen has done washing and ironing for students. In her younger days she washed and ironed for as many as 26 students a week.

When she saw the breaking of ground for Holladay Hall in 1889 it was nothing more than the beginning of another building for Ellen McGuire, but today that building, the other buildings, the campus, the faculty, the students, the alumni and everybody else that is or has been associated with State College, are respected and loved by Aunt Ellen. She says proudly, "I have seen my college come from a long way."

Since the time of her humble beginning as a slave in 1860 until the present time Aunt Ellen has either belonged to or has been connected with the college. Her faithful disposition, her faithfulness, her

### Fifty Years' Service



Shown above is Aunt Ellen McGuire, as she is affectionately known by hundreds of students and alumni, who has been associated with State College since its beginning in 1889.

good work and her desire to be of service to others has endeared her to her various employers and these qualities have won for her the respect, the admiration and the affection of the hundreds and thousands of people who have known her.

Her busy life has not kept Aunt Ellen from being active among the people of her own race. In addition to bringing up a very creditable family of her own, Aunt Ellen has given generously of her time, her strength and her means to the less fortunate of her race. She is an active worker in her church and in her community and she takes a great deal of pride in her home, which is well kept by her.

## Fast Progress Evidenced In Student Publications

### Open Opportunity in Many Fields; Offer Outlet for Student Opinion and Writing

State College is the center of six major publications, all of which play an important part in their field of work. Each has experienced success in the past few years, and all of the publications have gained praise from other publishers in the same field.

Having no two publications which are on a competitive basis as far as editorial matter and policy are concerned, each covers a separate field and serves a different purpose.

The *Agromech* is the college yearbook, and contains pictures of all four classes, write-ups of campus activities, and snapshots which will remain as a reminder of campus and college activities.

The *TECHNICIAN* serves as a medium of presenting college news to the students weekly, pictures of outstanding persons and events, and editorial matter of campus-wide interest.

The humor magazine, *The Wa-tagan*, gives the students something on the lighter side of life, and a source of fun and laughter to fill their idle moments.

Strictly technical, the *Southern Engineer* is the official organ of the engineering school and contains much technical information pertaining to that field. It is an excellent source of information for much material.

The *Pine-Tow* is somewhat of a journal of the Forestry School, and is issued once a year. It presents a complete and concise record of activities in the Forestry Department, including many high lights on the annual forestry trip.

Last, but far from least, is the *Agriculturist*, which is the official organ of the School of Agriculture. It also deals mainly with material pertaining to the field of agriculture, but is a valuable magazine for students in that school.

All of these publications come under the control of the Publications Board, which is composed of

## Kappa Phi Kappa Installs Program To Aid Freshmen

### Educational Fraternity Adopts Excellent Project of Upperclassmen Advisors For Frosh

In coordination with the plans of the Student Government to improve the counsel for freshmen, members of Kappa Phi Kappa, honorary professional educational fraternity, is developing a project whereby members of the fraternity can help the first-year men.

Setting a precedent which undoubtedly will be followed by other campus organizations, the fraternity voted unanimously to assign a limited number of freshmen to every member of the fraternity.

These freshmen, all of whom are in agricultural education and industrial arts, will be visited by the members of Kappa Phi Kappa periodically. During these visits the upperclassmen will attempt to give aid to the freshmen in their studies and also to give them assistance on any other problem that may confront them.

These visits are intended to give the freshmen the advantage of the experience of the upperclassmen, and to help them get a good foundation in the scholastic work.

Members of the organization are making plans to have the system inaugurated within the next ten days.

The editors and business managers of all of the various campus publications and also to have the system inaugurated within the next ten days.

The board supervises the letting of contracts and advises the publications from a business standpoint, and attempts to assist editors in all editorial problems.

True, the publications play an important part in the life on the State College campus, and they have become as vital as any other form of campus activity.

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# Former Editor Fountain Conducts Extensive Survey

## Contacts Past Editors and Business Managers of Newspaper to Secure Story of Its Progress

By DR. A. M. FOUNTAIN  
Editor, 1922-1928

Only student publication at State College to survive the World War was the *Agromeck*. The old *Red and White* magazine of the literary societies and the *Wanderer*, a newspaper published by the Athletic Association, had been merged some years before into a newspaper in magazine form; but with the coming of the war and the militarization of the campus it ceased publication.

With the Armistice and the coming of college of many men who had seen service overseas, a return to normalcy occurred on this as on other campuses, and many of the leading students felt the need of a newspaper for and by the students.

At first there was no organized movement toward this end, but there were many talks in the rooms of seniors and other leading students on the campus. Especially active in these talks was Leroy Dock, editor of the *Agromeck*. During the fall of 1919 he and other students approached the Raleigh Merchants Association concerning the matter and won from that body pledges of support.

The first issue of the paper came from the press February 1, 1920. It was a four-page paper, 9x12 inches in size, with only three columns. It carried four advertisements. Two weeks later the second number appeared and the paper was increased to eight pages but the size remained as before. This issue had 17 advertisements. By the third issue two weeks later there were a total of 25 advertisements and by this time it became evident that the expenses of the paper could be met largely by the support of the merchants of Raleigh.

The editor of the paper, M. F. Trice, had as his business manager John Guy Stuart. To them must go credit for the establishing of the paper on a firm foundation.

The college had been approached to see if any official financial support could be expected. However, there is little record of any support directly from the college, though early staff members remember annual appropriations of \$100.

During the first year the newspaper contained many essays rather than news articles. It was a period of essay writing, and the expression of opinion. The college was entering upon a great era of charitable works and the new journal gave them full publicity. For example, the student body took in and pledged financial support to two students from Serbia who came here to study American agricultural methods. The college laundry gave them free laundry service and pressing. The editor engaged in no great crusades, but did mention the need of an adequate football stadium on the campus. Even with its small size, the paper found room for many jokes and brief commentaries.

Plans for Weekly With the opening of school in the fall of 1920, prospects seemed bright for a successful year of *THE TECHNICIAN*. Already the new editor, J. D. Miller, had formulated plans for making the paper a weekly instead of the semi-monthly issue of preceding years, but the initial enthusiasm had died and it was only by titanic struggle that the business manager was able to secure enough voluntary subscriptions to keep the paper going even as a semi-monthly. Within a few weeks the editor resigned and his duties were assumed by J. H. Lane, with M. L. Rhodes as his business manager. These two men struggled valiantly during the year but only

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Student Activities Building

with extreme difficulty were able to keep the paper in publication. However, they did not lack for editorial discussion. The big issue before the students at that time was that of student government. The college was under strict military rule with faculty surveillance on examinations and quizzes. Again it was the editor of the *Agromeck*, E. W. Constable, who was the leader in the drive for student government and the honor system. *THE TECHNICIAN* joined its editorial power to that of Constable, and their fight was successful, for student government began the following year. With it came the red freshman cap which was to become such a vital issue a few years later in these editorial columns.

During that school year was formed the North Carolina Collegiate Press Association, which planned a series of criticisms to be exchanged among the college papers of the state; however, this system of criticism never got into effect. Throughout this second year the paper was still referred to as Volume I and so it remains to this day with other volumes counted from that date rather than from that of the actual founding, one year earlier.

Hard Struggle Though the young paper had a struggle this second year, it educated the student body to the need of such an organ of opinion and news. This increased interest was evident in the election of a student and business manager in the spring of 1921. K. S. Nissen was elected editor and H. S. Hill business manager. To serve with them as managing editor was elected E. C. Tatum. After the election was over, Nissen decided he did not have sufficient time to edit the paper and suggested that Tatum assume the position. This trade was accomplished without anyone's knowing the difference and thus Tatum became editor. The first change made by the new editor was that of a new title plate which now appeared in Old English script just as it does today, instead of in the large block letters which had been used before. After a few issues, still semi-monthly, the paper was increased to four columns with eight pages. The editorial page was made more impressive by arranging the editorials in double column width instead of the single columns that had been used before. The paper launched forth in an editorial policy of support for the new student government and freshman caps, and took part in many other important discussions on the campus. Among these discussions were the need for concrete walks and a new gymnasium and something about the legislative controversy on evolution then raging in the Southeast. During this year the front page became much more like a newspaper and less like a volume of essays. Early in the spring, for example, as many as six news articles occurred on the first page.

Only one special edition, that of the military department which ran to 12 pages, was issued during the year. The paper gave adequate publicity to the work of the Collegiate Press Association, the newly formed Pine Burr Society, and to the commencement orator, Aaron Sapir, who later was widely known for his work in co-operative marketing. One issue of the paper named its mascot the nephew of the managing editor; this nephew is now a senior at State College.

With the enlarged paper, interest was keener than ever in the election of editor and business manager in the spring of 1922. In a very close race between L. L. Langley, retiring associate editor, and A. M. Fountain, contributor to the paper, Fountain was elected by a margin of less than 10 votes. L. E. Raper was elected business manager. The outgoing staff had never been able to make a weekly paper, despite its other improvements. They agreed to work in concert with the new staff to bring pressure upon the Board of Trustees to authorize a student fee for the support of the paper and thus enable the staff to put out a weekly paper at commencement time when the trustees met, the outgoing staff was busy with its program of graduation exercises and the new editor was left to approach the trustees alone. The president, who had not expressed great sympathy for the student publication, limited the editor's discussion to very few minutes and the trustees decided that a weekly paper was too much to be undertaken by State College students. The editor, greatly disappointed, went with his classmates to military camp at Anliston, but gained additional experience there writing for the camp paper. The business manager sold Bibles in Kentucky.

Undertake Weekly At the opening of school in the fall of 1922, the staff laid before the students its plan for a weekly paper, the first ever undertaken at State College. The voluntary subscription price was raised to \$2.00 a year and the new business manager had the task of getting an adequate subscription list to justify his appeals for advertisements from the merchants of Raleigh. However, the paper soon seemed assured of success, since the business manager was able to make each edition pay for itself. The paper retained its four-column, eight-page size and the double-column editorials of the preceding year. Though it increased the number of editorials printed in each issue, it also published several special numbers, the largest of which was that of the Textile School, with 16 pages. There was a football number of 12 pages and a military number of 12 pages, and a 12-page issue for the relief of students in Russia!

The paper engaged in several projects during the year, one among which was that of encouraging county clubs to subscribe to the paper for all the high schools in the county. It likewise engaged in the support of a new self-help organization, which has since meant so much to the college. It likewise advocated a point system for student activities on the college campus. The idea of a student fee for publications, though it had never met the approval of the trustees, was not dead. Again it was the editor of the *Agromeck*, this time L. L. Hedghepeth, who was the moving spirit in providing this reform. By combining forces with the *Agromeck*, *THE TECHNICIAN* was able to get the approval of the trustees for a \$6.00 publication fee, payable each quarter in sums of \$2.00, for which each student would receive a copy of the annual and a year's subscription to *THE TECHNICIAN*. With the fee came the governing Publications Board; with it also came small salaries for editor and business manager, in place of the wildcat money-making schemes privately indulged in previously.

Prospects Bright With the bright future thus assured the newspaper, the elections in the spring of 1924 were attended with great interest. The editor elected at that time was L. A.

Brothers, and the business manager R. H. Raper, brother of a former business manager. Though the point system for student activities had not yet been instituted, he himself considered resigning, but upon hearing it said on the campus that he could not put out a paper, he answered the challenge by accepting the position. He was fortunate in having a very active and efficient managing editor who could publish the paper while he was away on football trips. It is ironic that the resignation of Mr. Brothers from the presidency of the YMCA, "because of changes in attitude toward religion," caused the first scare headlines later in the year.

The paper was promptly increased to five columns in size and its editorial section enlarged. During the year was formed the Quill Club, an organization of those who were active in publication work on the campus. Likewise, the paper received much additional encouragement from the journalism

## Publications Pass in REVIEW

### The Agromeck

The master publication of State College is *The Agromeck*, official yearbook, which is published at the end of each scholastic year. This book is as comprehensive and complete as any college annual in the United States, and contains pictures of the senior, junior, sophomore, and freshman classes, in addition to snapshots and organizational pictures—real reminders of the college year.

The *Agromeck* serves to bring back to the graduate memories of his student days and is a pleasant and attractive reminder of the years spent at State.

During the last few years the size and make-up of this yearbook have been improved upon, and it features annually large and unique color-photos of campus buildings and scenes, which help to add to the beauty of the publication.

The cost of *The Agromeck* is absorbed in the publications fee but there is a small additional cost for including the student's picture.

The editor and business manager of the yearbook are elected annually by members of the rising senior class from the nominations of the Publications Board. Heading the *Agromeck* for the fiftieth anniversary year is J. Y. Pharr, Jr., editor, and L. E. Milks, Jr., serving as business manager.

Milks

Hard at work on their week's edition, the editorial staff of "The Technician" is shown here in their office at the Capital Printing Co.

### The Wataugan

Although originally established as the college literary magazine, *The Wataugan* has been converted into a humor magazine. However, the present trend is to get back toward subjects of a more literary nature. By means of a large exchange, the magazine has a large selection of the best jokes and ideas from other college humor magazines. Many of the jokes are illustrated by drawings made by the artists on the staff.

*The Wataugan* is printed six times each year, and is financed through the regular publications fee and advertising, and is delivered to the entire student body at no extra cost.

The staff of *The Wataugan* is elected in the spring term of each year by the student body and the nominees are chosen by the Publications Board from the members of the staff who have done the best work during their three years on the magazine. Editing the publication is E. S. Bowers, and the business manager is Z. B. Lane, Jr.

Lane

### Agriculturist

*The Agriculturist* is the official organ of the School of Agriculture of State College, and is published monthly by the student staff. The magazine carries in it articles on soils, seeds, erosion, best manner of planting crops, and many other items which are invaluable to the well-informed agriculturist. The publication of this magazine was started largely through the work of Alpha Zeta, national agricultural fraternity, with the cooperation of the "A-Z" Club. It has been developed into an attractive and well-balanced technical publication for State College.

*The Agriculturist* not only publishes articles by students and faculty members of the Agricultural School, but leading agriculturists of the State College Extension Service and of the United States-North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service contribute to it.

The editor and business manager of the publication are elected annually by the student members of the School of Agriculture. The editor of the magazine is J. L. Langdon, and the business manager is M. E. Starnes.

Starnes

post office, where her ready smile made her a friend of all students. A few months later she married a recent alumnus.

The religious tone of the campus was continued by having a whole number devoted to the activities of a Student Volunteer Convention in Indianapolis to which the college sent a large delegation. It also argued voluntary service for the building of a tabernacle for the Ham Ramsey revival meeting soon coming to the city of Raleigh.

The paper issued fewer special numbers this year, but did devote one number to the reorganization of the college under the new president, Dr. Brooks.

In May, 1924, the news columns and the editorials made note of a great new college song written by a former student and called "State College Keeps Fighting Along". The idea of a student fee for publications, though it had never met the approval of the trustees, was not dead. Again it was the editor of the *Agromeck*, this time L. L. Hedghepeth, who was the moving spirit in providing this reform. By combining forces with the *Agromeck*, *THE TECHNICIAN* was able to get the approval of the trustees for a \$6.00 publication fee, payable each quarter in sums of \$2.00, for which each student would receive a copy of the annual and a year's subscription to *THE TECHNICIAN*. With the fee came the governing Publications Board; with it also came small salaries for editor and business manager, in place of the wildcat money-making schemes privately indulged in previously.

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## TECHNICIAN STAFF AT WORK



Hard at work on their week's edition, the editorial staff of "The Technician" is shown here in their office at the Capital Printing Co.

### Southern Engineer

The official publication of the School of Engineering at State College is the *Southern Engineer*. The magazine was begun in 1934 by the Engineers' Council, and continued with some success until it was discontinued by the Council because of the lack of funds in 1935. Two years ago, powered by the impetus of an energetic editor and business manager, the magazine was reorganized and publication was begun anew.

Last year a uniform engineering fee was adopted which takes care of the cost of publishing the magazine so that the engineering students receive it without additional cost.

*The Southern Engineer* contains many technical articles written not only by engineering students, but by leading technical men in North Carolina and elsewhere. The magazine will continue to be published four times a year, and will remain as a 9 x 12 magazine. It was enlarged during the latter part of last year in order to conform to the standards as to size laid down by American technical college publications. The editor of the *Southern Engineer* is T. D. Williams, who has as his business manager T. H. Blount, Jr.

Williams

Blount

### Pi-Ne-Tum

Since its establishment five years ago as the annual of the forestry department, the *Pi-Ne-Tum* has developed into one of the best small publications on the State College campus. The book is published once a year, and contains pictures of the seniors in the forestry department, articles on forestry trips, information on the best practices in the woods, and a great deal of other material which is valuable to the forester.

Though it was only a small publication when it was established, it has advanced rapidly during its existence and three years ago was admitted as a member of the Publications Board. The staff is making plans at present for the improvement of the book during the ensuing year.

The students in the forestry department find this book an attractive reminder of the good times had on forestry trips, and its composite pages assure the students of a visual remembrance of little incidents connected with inspection trips.

The cost of printing the publication is derived from the advertising and a nominal fee which is paid by all forestry students. Editing the *Pi-Ne-Tum* is John Atkins, and Pete Cromartie is business manager.

Atkins

Starnes

courses recently instituted at the college.

The paper made several other changes or additions. The Alumni column of the preceding year was continued by a recent alumnus. A column called Faculty Fax was begun in which various faculty members were given brief write-ups. A column of Meredith College news was also a part of the paper.

During the year the paper took editorial notice of the anti-evolution bill then in the Legislature, and rejoiced in its defeat. Little realizing that it would be discussed in later legislatures. During the same legislative session some interested person proposed a bill outlawing what the students called "checking Meredith," a custom in which the boys walked to and fro in front of Old Meredith campus downtown to see the beauty arrayed thereupon. This bill likewise was defeated, perhaps because of editorial opposition in *THE TECHNICIAN*!

Campus Improvements The paper noted many occurrences on the campus, among which was the beginning of a full-time music instructor with the glee club and orchestra, the beginning of the Ceramic Department, the completion of the new gymnasium and library, the private exchange of the telephone system on the campus, the beginning of the new Meredith campus, of the purging of the *Plastic Age* from the library. After the loss of the baseball championship to Wake Forest, the paper quoted Mrs. Doak on reasons for our defeat. At the same time it mentioned Mrs. Doak's two very small sons and suggested that they would be shining lights in athletics at State College about 1938 to 1940.

The editor began a fight which should go on intermittently for nearly 15 years for the founding of a printing plant on the campus. He likewise forecast other changes when in the All Fools' number he suggested that this issue might be the forerunner of a campus comic.

In the spring of 1925 E. C. Moore was elected editor and F. K. Fogelman business manager. They issued the paper in the five-column size of the preceding year until Christmas holidays. At that time, probably under the stimulation of the Journalism department, they increased the size of the paper to six columns and started using a cheaper quality of newsprint paper instead of the "slick" paper used in all issues previously. A glance at the volume of this year with this change so apparent makes one wonder if the staff should not provide a few copies of each issue on good quality paper for binding and permanent form.

The paper likewise launched into a great campaign of columnistic features and forum discussions. —Continued on page 6.

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# Graduate of 1893 With College

## Veteran Professor Witnesses Growth

### C. B. Williams Present on Opening Day; Has Longest Term of Service on Faculty

By C. A. UPOURCH, Jr.

Only one person, Prof. Charles Burgess Williams, has been connected continuously with State College since its doors opened Oct. 3, 1889, for the first time.

He has never present at the first roll call and he has remained with the college in a series of important capacities including the chairmanship of the Department of Agronomy, which he now holds.

When he came to State College from his home in Shiloh, Camden County, young Williams found about 48 other students, mostly from farm homes. They lived and attended class in one building, saluting forth in season for about two hours daily to work the college's garden.

The president's house, occupied by Col. Alexander C. Holladay, was located where Memorial Hall now stands, and adjacent to the residence was the college's stock barn.

Development. Looking over State College's huge building campaign with its 35 modern buildings, 2,350 students and a faculty of about 250, Prof. Williams said:

"Our growth is due to the fact that the state provides training that the youth of this state wants and needs. One of the main reasons for the development of the college in the service it has rendered to the people of the state."

And with the first 50 years as a criterion, Prof. Williams sees continuation of State College's steady, substantial growth.

"We've just started," he declared. "Judging by problems coming to us from the people, I see a greater opportunity in the future for the college to render service. We have a great task in trying to make a more wholesome and fuller rural life in this state—and that means better income for everybody."

A Good Student. State College's student body had "a good spirit from the start," reported Prof. Williams, despite the almost primitive conditions surrounding their college life.

As many as 15 boys bunked in one room. The students studied by oil lamps. Water was secured by the chains and bucket method. They ate deep well back of Holladay Hall. Toilets were of the Chic Sale type. Street cars pulled by mules came as far out Hillsboro Street as St. Mary's school.

Prof. Williams walked the rest of the way to State College on a crude road that wound through woods and fields. This road was almost impassable during the winters.

In the face of physical drawbacks, however, State College picked up momentum and moved ahead with gratifying speed. Prof. Williams is proud that he has been permitted to have a vantage point in watching the college's progress, and he is equally proud of the part he has taken in its development.

He took his B.S. degree in agriculture with the first graduating class, in 1893, and three years later won his Master's degree from 1896 to 1898, while studying for his Master's, he was assistant chemist of the North Carolina Experiment Station. During the year 1898-99 he attended Johns Hopkins University on a State fellowship in chemistry, returning in the latter year to resume his post with the experiment station. He was appointed director of the station in 1900. A year before, however, he became head of the Department of Agronomy, the position he now holds, and head of the Extension Service.

Prof. Williams kept his post in the experiment station until 1912. He served the college as dean of agriculture from 1917 to 1924.

In the summer of 1928, he made a trip through Europe as chairman of a committee reporting on European agriculture.

Early Life. Prof. Williams was born and raised in a general farm in Camden County near Shiloh, the son of Mrs. Susan Burgess Williams and the late Robert J. Williams. His mother lives in Elizabeth City with her only daughter. Young Williams attended rural schools in the neighborhood, at times walking six miles daily to and from school. He attended the Shiloh High School for three years and the Littleton High School in Littleton in 1888-89.

He was introduced to State College by the superintendent of schools in Camden County. In those days the trip from Shiloh to Raleigh occupied two days and had to be made by way of Norfolk, Va.

the summer of 1889 in California studying the agricultural methods and practices of that state. Five years later he did the same thing in the province of Ontario, Canada.

Agriculture has been Prof. Williams' lifetime interest. He thinks strengthening of the present system of agriculture is needed instead of changing the system.

"I think the farmer, as far as practical, should produce enough on his farm so he will have to buy the least possible," Prof. Williams said. "If he produces tobacco, there is no reason why he can't have a good garden and orchard."

Prosperity and Crops. "One prosperity is tied up with the production and sale of cotton and tobacco more than in anything else in this state. If tobacco brings a low price this fall, the whole state will suffer. You will see the revenues of the state materially decreased."

Because of modern equipment and improved tanning facilities, college students today have better opportunities to make their education count for the most, Prof. Williams said in comparing the present situation with that of 50 years ago. New opportunities are constantly arising in agriculture and engineering.

Former Editor Compiles History of The Technician. (Continued from page 6)

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Freeman's Again. The old issue of the freshman cap, thrust out four years previously, flared up again when leading campus organizations voted in favor of its return as a means of bolstering college spirit. Even the president of the freshman class favored this return and was supported by the columns of The Technician.

Consolidation. The editor, in commenting upon the recent movements toward the formulation of the State University system, expressed himself vigorously about the combining of various parts of this school with similar departments at the University, going so far as to say, "God forbid the combination of my department here with any department at Chapel Hill."

However, the editor seems to have completely overlooked the fact that our own overtook had been

abolished a few months before, ostensibly to reduce expenses, but reputedly to rid the campus of a graduate dean.

Likewise, we made little discussion of the sale of the college bookstore to a private individual after an attempt to operate it through the Alumni Association. He also failed to capitulate on the fact that a student, about to be shipped the preceding year for telling tales out of school about cheating, had left this institution and entered another. Toward the end of the year he became so conservative as to label as an effective speaker Merle Thorpe, who came here to deliver the commencement address.

Editorially the paper discussed many other things, such as the use of registration cards for entrance to athletic contests, the point system for college activities, the abolition of writeups for seniors in the annual, and the compulsory picture fee for all students to pay for the yearbook. He also noted that the baseball field be called Doak Field, but evidently that suggestion was never accepted.

For 1932 and 1933 H. A. McClung was made editor and B. M. McConnell was elected business manager. The new editor, while he had considerable experience on the staff, nevertheless had a great task in holding the paper to its previous high standard while economic conditions were very dark. The number of entering students had decreased each term for three years. The faculty was receiving cuts, the college laborers also had their wages decreased, and free tuition was abolished.

Editor Strikes. However, the editor struck out in the new and totally unexpected direction. He contracted with the publicity given to the YMCA and its works throughout the 1920's. This editor engaged in vigorous editorial work, and he was not only called it and challenged it to prove its worth or else close up. Later issues condemned vigorously the retirement fund set up for the YMCA secretary and the YMCA building at the college, and perhaps even by the college itself.

At this time Dr. Graham was elected president of the consolidated University. He was hailed the selection as one of far-reaching importance. He also advocated, oddly enough, a policy of "no more" in the college. Graham himself was soon to be known largely for his activities against subsidized athletics. At the same time, the news columns offered a new and better way of doing things. The department head went on record as defending technocracy, then quite a popular subject of conversation, and also quoted one of the deans of the first Public Relations Board banquet in March, 1934. The publications key in a sense replaced that of the old Quill Club which had gone national and then gone dead.

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## PHOTO GAINING FAME



The above photo, showing students at work in the State College aeronautical laboratory, was given a bid for wide recognition when it appeared in "Liberty" magazine. The picture was used to illustrate an article on the student flight training as being given by the Civil Aeronautics Authority.

In the picture are, left to right: C. J. Fleming, Jr., James T. Power, and Professor L. R. Parkinson, head of the pilots training division.

ity likewise proposed a general scientific publication, but neither of these proposals bore fruit. The purchase of the bookstore by an individual the preceding year elicited little criticism from the paper, but now the students were beginning to criticize what they called its monopolistic tendencies. The president of the student body was among the plaintiffs. However, the editorial columns of The Technician warmly defended the owner of the bookstore as operating his establishment efficiently.

But the highest point of all came in the winter when the former head coach of Notre Dame University appeared on State College Campus to give the address at the new football. The editorial and the news columns alike welcomed him into our midst. The stadium was now well under way and prospects for four years to come looked bright.

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The news columns noted the fact that the tower would now be completed by WPA funds, that the play of R. H. Johnson and the staff would be attended free, that students falling a major course would be allowed to take lighter schedules, that the Southern Engineer had had to suspend because of lack of support, and finally that the publications building should be called Owen Hall after the late registrar, E. Owen, though the building had for some time been referred to as Price Hall, honoring "Daddy" Price, former bandmaster. The paper was a financial success, and the staff seriously considered the possibility of making it semi-weekly.

The editor even went so far as to make provision for dividing his salary, which ordinarily had been responsible for one issue each week. However, this proposal was never put into effect.

Athletic Trouble. The year 1936-1937, under the editorship of R. H. Johnson and the business management of J. Frank Curry, saw the collapse of the football bubble built up so vigorously three years previously. After the loss of the football game, it became evident that the student body was restless under the athletic setup as it then existed. The editorial columns of The Technician then became a more balanced wheel to steady the emotions of the students and to encourage them to support the team until the end of the season before expressing any opposition to the coaching staff or athletic administration. This calming influence was an entirely new role for The Technician editorial staff, which ordinarily had set itself about stirring up feeling rather than calming it, but the paper seems to have been successful in its effort.

At the end of the season the paper was as vigorous as anyone in its welcome to the new coaching staff then employed. There was some editorial criticism of the whole Graham plan of the preceding year and the Athletic Council asked the Board of Trustees for a ruling as to its exact authority. The new athletic director interviewed a wealthy alumnus who had allegedly contributed heavily to athletics on State College campus.

Another high point of the year was that of the first operation of the "C" rule by which students who could not maintain a certain average in their college work were to attend their sophomore year. But perhaps the highest point of interest for the whole year came when a prominent student and officer of the student body became convinced that he should be a conscientious objector. The student withdrew from the ROTC with great flourish and in which he received the support of downtown columnists (at least one of whom has completely reversed since that time) and of several campus organizations. The editor of The Technician and from members of the student body he received no support.

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The paper made extensive use of local photographs by having on its staff an expert photographer. The year also saw the departure of McPhail, a junior, was made editor and Charlie Dunnagan business manager. Soon after his election, Dunnagan was made president of the North Carolina Collegiate Press Association. Under their administration the paper remained largely as before, carrying local and some national news, but with some such topics as the shadow of war or our foreign policy, but mainly the paper was local in character.

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Among the most vigorously treated problems discussed this year was that of the cafeteria, whose appeal to outsiders, especially on Sunday, had resulted in crowded conditions and unsatisfactory service. The editor and the forum commentators agreed outsiders should be prevented from using the cafeteria service. Another heated subject which was vigorously was that of scholarships for athletes, the editor taking the attitude that a scholarship or other financial aid should be available for athletes as well as for other students.

The student body president supported by the editor, made a vigorous and successful motion of the proctor system and the rest of the honor system, but met little more than apathy from the student body.

However, the biggest issue of the whole year came later in the great controversy about the Monday night commencement session. This was one issue on which the editor refused to take sides. However, he discussed the problem vigorously, commending the students whenever they made orderly recitation of their views and condemning them for their unseemly demonstrations which might bring discredit to the institution. The old problems of a

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