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Howard Jackson Retires; Serves College 36 Yrs.

Compared to Mr. Howard Jackson, veteran Savannah State College employee who retired July 1, Alexander Woolcott's "Man Who Came to Dinner" is a "babe in the woods."

Mr. Jackson "came" to the College at the invitation of the late Major R. R. Wright, Sr., "State's" first president, in June of 1914 as a consultant for the establishment of a laundry and remained for 26 years. And in this amount of time he supervised the washing of approximately 7,488,000 pounds of clothes or enough to fill 3,740 two-ton laundry trucks that would extend over a distance of 15 miles — if lined bumper to bumper.

In describing recently how he was employed by President Wright the veteran employee said, "I had an exhibit at a fair in Macon when the Major approached and asked, '... Don't you think

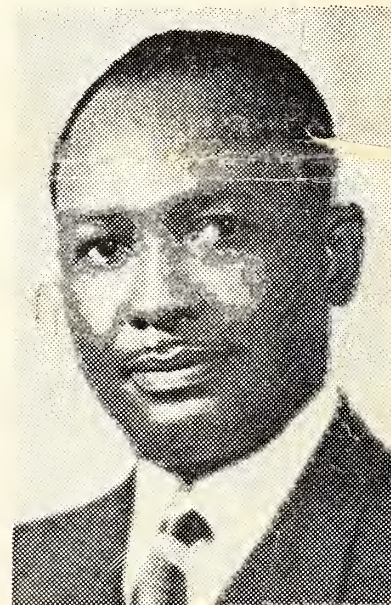
you would like to work for the college?' No! I don't think so, I replied. And we dropped the matter after he asked what I was doing. At the time I was engineer for the Georgia Steam Laundry downtown (Savannah).

"Sometime later Major Wright dropped by to see me, and finally he got me to say what was needed to set up and equip a laundry at the College. Subsequently, I took time out from my job to supervise the placing of the equipment. After this was done, the Major still didn't have anyone to run the laundry, and I consented after much insistence on his part, mainly because it would make me look bad if I didn't. Evidently no one was ever found who could run it because I remained for 36 years."

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President Payne Listed in "Who's Who" In American Education

President William K. Payne, already widely acclaimed as one of the South's great educators, recently received additional honor by being listed in the 1950 edition of "Who's Who in American Education" (p. 944).



However, this is not the first time that the eminent leader has been listed in an outstanding publication in the field of education, as he is one of the few Negroes whose biographical sketch appear in "Leaders in Education" (One of the most distinguished directories of ranking educators.)

President Payne is active in other areas related to his field — particularly those organizations that strive for and stress the value of professional attainment. He is an active member of the Academy of Political Science, a consultant for the American Teachers Association, a member of the National Society for the Study of Education, the National Educational Association (NEA), treasurer, Georgia Committee on Cooperation in Teacher Education and a member of Sigma Phi Fraternity.

Savannah State College, under his administration, was admitted last December to membership in the American Council on Education.

HOWARD JACKSON RETIRES

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Prior to joining the staff, in addition to his employment at the Georgia Steam Laundry, Mr. Jackson worked as a plumber and steamfitter in Portsmouth, Virginia, and in Charleston, South Carolina.

In working here for 36 years, Mr. Jackson served under five presidents — R. R. Wright, C. G. Wiley, Benjamin Hubert, James A. Colston, and W. K. Payne. "When I came, there were only a few buildings on the campus. In fact, Hill Hall was the first building constructed. The others were here when the College was moved from Athens," he said.

In addition to his duties as Supervisor of the laundry, Mr. Jackson at one time taught laundering and plumbing. The laundering curriculum is listed in as late edition of The Catalogue as 1944-45. However, it has been longer than that since anyone received a certificate in the field. There are a number of individuals who received certificates that either own laundries or are employed in the field throughout the State, according to Mr. Jackson.

He lists four important things necessary for the successful operation of a laundry — maintaining a good engine room, assorting, washing, and the ability to get along with people. Mr. Jackson emphasizes the value of marking clothes because if anything is lost, you are bound to encounter trouble from an unmarked individual.

In order to avoid the above, he devised a marking system which has proved to be foolproof because he used it successfully during the time of his employment, and it is still in use. He describes it as follows: "When the laundry was first established, I assigned every individual who lived on the campus a number, i. e., assuming there were 300 persons on the campus, each of them was given a number, which was placed in the record book, and they kept this number as long as they were here. At the end of each year, a new book was made consisting of numbers, and as the students, faculty, and staff returned in the Fall, their names were placed opposite their old number. In this manner I was able to determine those who didn't come back, and subsequently, newcomers were given numbers of those who failed to return. Of course as the enrollment increased it was necessary that I increase the numbers, but the procedure was the same, and I used it throughout my employment."

Mr. Jackson stressed the importance of knowing the types of soaps, how to load, and temperature control in regards to washing. He also emphasized how necessary it is to know what colors will not fade, and those that will. "I've stayed up many nights bleaching some light or white piece that was mistakenly placed with the colored clothes," he said.

"The engine room constitutes another major problem. The boilers must be kept lubricated and most of all, they must maintain a certain amount of pressure — not too high or too low. One problem that is peculiar of this region is that the water contains an excessive amount of lime and magnesium, and periodically the boilers must be cleaned to remove those chemicals



SUMMER SESSION STRESSES WORKSHOPS — During both Summer Sessions the accent was on workshops. Shown above are two workshop scenes. In the top photo Miss Evanel Renfrow, Director of the Division of Home Economics, examines a child as members of the Health and Nutrition Workshop look on. In the bottom picture, O. L. Douglas (standing far left), lends a helping hand in the Secondary Education Workshop.

Outstanding Educator Speaks During Assembly

The retiring president of the Georgia Teacher-Education Association, R. J. Martin, spoke at the College Thursday morning, August 11.

Mr. Martin who is principal of the Ballard-Hudson High School, Macon, discussed the purpose, program, and needs of the GTEA. He was introduced by President William K. Payne.

before they make the boilers useless.

"The last, but by far perhaps, the most important phase of successful laundry operation, is the handling or the ability to get along with people. You come in contact with all kinds of people and you must know how to handle them tactfully. If this is successfully done, half the job has been accomplished," Mr. Jackson declared.

For a man who has worked under five college presidents and has come in contact with students for 56 years, Mr. Jackson has truly been a man whose perseverance can stand as a model for generations of students yet to come.

Students Debate 'Mercy Killing'

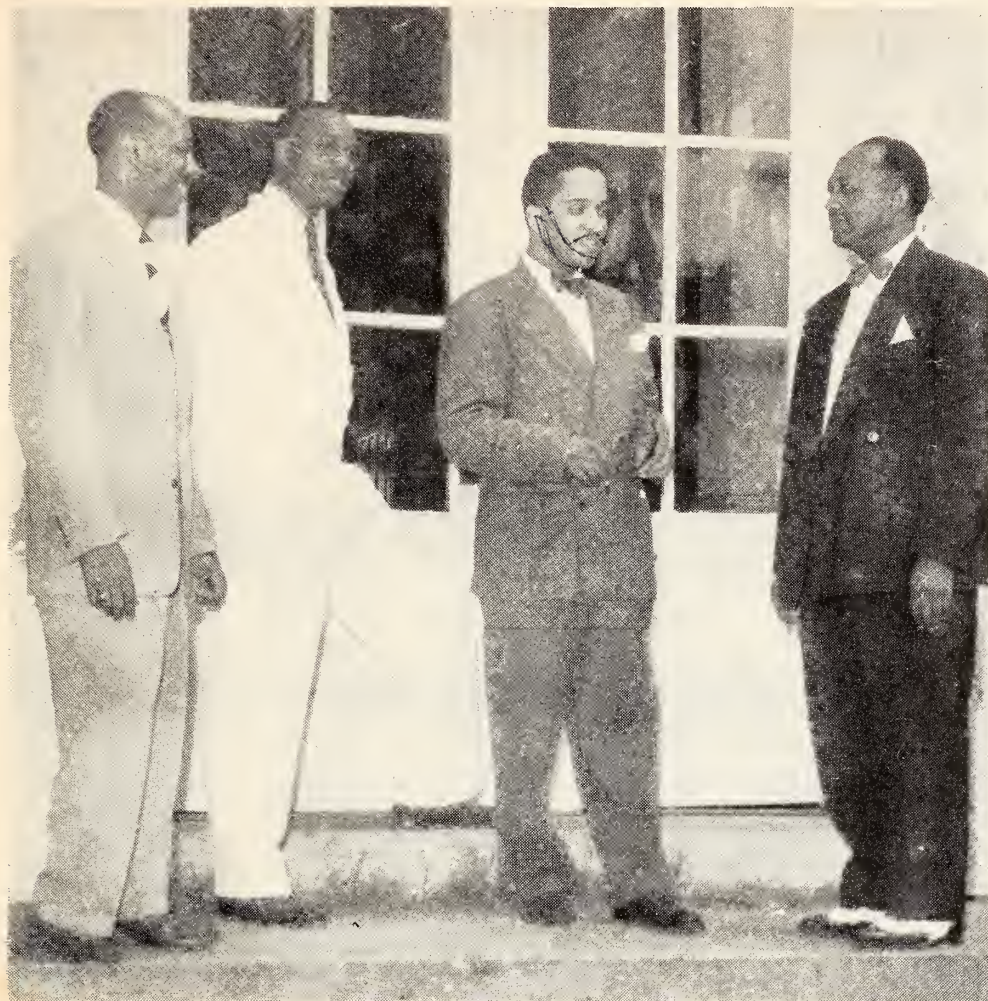
One of the Summer Session's most "heated" and perhaps enjoyable assembly programs at Savannah State College transpired when the speech class presented a debate, "Resolved that Mercy Killing Should Be Made Legal."

Some 400 persons, many in-service teachers, heard the provocative point discussed for some 40 minutes as both the affirmative and negative quoted well-known sociologists and the Bible, and subsequently maintaining that his point should be accepted.

Representing the affirmative were Benjamin Simon, Mrs. Mattie Stephens, and J. H. Solomon. John W. Scott, Mrs. Georgeanna Bleach, and the Rev. H. L. Stinson carried the banner for the negative.

Mrs. Clemetine Wilburn was chairman. Miss Ethel Jacobs is instructor.

The first football game of the season sends the Savannah State College Tigers against the Kentucky State Thorobreds in Frankfort, September 23.



MOSS KENDRIX OF THE NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION (third from left) is shown with College officials following an address he delivered. Left to right, Dean Eugene Stanley, William J. Holloway, Dean of Men; Mr. Kendrix, and President W. K. Payne.

Moss Kendrix, NEA Representative Speaks

An overflow audience of Savannah State College students, faculty, and staff heard Moss Kendrix, Public Relations Representative of the National Education Association speak on "Education — The Great Task" during special assembly Monday, July 24. He was introduced by President W. K. Payne.

Mr. Kendrix, who is widely recognized as one of the top young public relations men in the country said, education is no longer a sectional problem but is national in scope. He cited statistics uncovered during World War II which pointed to the inadequate training which a large number of draftees had when called to service.

"Every teacher should belong to a professional organization and the N. E. A. is the strongest organization of that nature. It is trying to get the United States Congress to pass the Federal Aid to Education bill, which will result in better salaries for teachers," Mr. Kendrix declared.

Remarks were made by Dean Eugene Stanley. The College Choir, under the direction of Hiliary R. Hatchett sang, "Oh What a Beautiful City." Dean William J. Holloway, presided.

Following his appearance in assembly, Mr. Kendrix spoke to a joint meeting

"News Digest" Makes Debut on S. S. C. Campus

"The Savannah State College News Digest" is the name of the latest publication conceived at the College. It is the brainchild of Wilton C. Scott, Public Relations Director.

Serving as editor is J. Randolph Fisher, acting head of the English Department, who has had considerable experience in the editing field. "The News Digest" is a mimeographed effort and is being published monthly. Its circulation is limited to the campus and news items contained therein are directly related to happenings among the faculty, staff, and their families. The "News Digest" is the name given to the official college publication by President W. K. Payne.

of the Elementary and Secondary Education Workshops. Again he pointed to the N. E. A. as working for the improvement of teaching services, as well as professional services provided. Miss Donella J. Graham, and O. L. Douglas are the directors of their respective workshops.

Cumulative Summer Session Enrollment 1,026

The cumulative enrollment for Savannah State College during both Summer Sessions was 1,206. Enrollment for the First Session was 1,067, for the Second Session 933.

An analysis of the cumulative enrollment presents the following picture:

491 men and 115 women. Three hundred and sixty-six male veterans were enrolled with 181 in the College and 185 as trade specials. There were six trade special non-veterans and 119 regular College veterans. Two women veterans were included in the 715 women enrolled.

All except the 37 enrolled at the Appling County Off-Campus Workshop were in residence.

A general breakdown for the First Session discloses that:

476 men were enrolled. Three hundred and sixty-five veterans were in attendance with 171 in the College, and 185 trade specials. Total non-veterans, 120, College non-veterans, 114, trade special non-veterans, six.

An analysis of the Second Session enrollment follows:

Men, 400. Of this number, 323 are veterans. One hundred and thirty-eight veterans were enrolled in College and 185 as trade special students. Only six non-veterans were enrolled in trades with 71 attending College.

Of the 533 women enrolled, two were veterans.

Faculty in the Headlines

Miss Evanel Renfrow, Director of the Division of Home Economics, was a consultant at the Foods and Nutrition Workshop at Florida A & M College during the latter part of July.

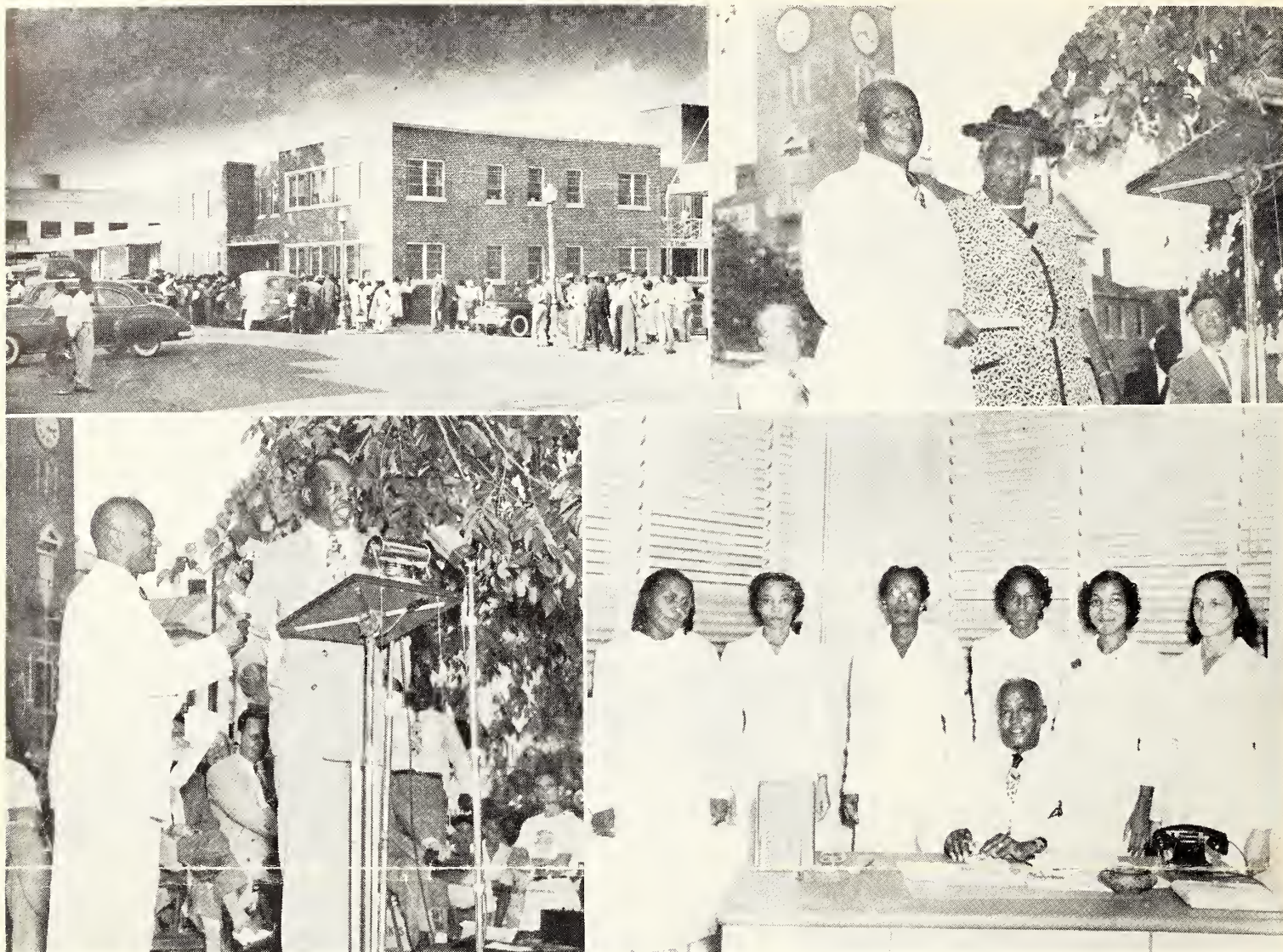
Miss Luella Hawkins, head librarian, attended the annual meeting of the American Library Association which met in Cleveland, July 16-22.

Charles J. Smith, III, Director of Publicity and Editor of The Bulletin presented a research paper at the Eleventh Annual Meeting of the National Negro Publishers Association in Houston, June 17.

Be an active member of the Alumni Association!

Keep in contact with the College through the Office of Public Relations.

Arthur Hart, Class of '50 (June) is the new manager of the College Inn.



SCENES FROM THE DEDICATION OF GRIFFIN HOSPITAL AND CLINIC — Above are four photographs made during the recent dedication of the \$250,000 hospital and clinic owned and operated by Dr. J. H. Griffin, outstanding Savannah State College alumnus. Top left, part of the crowd that visited the hospital during open-house, and to the right, Dr. Griffin poses with his proud mother. Bottom left, he receives the keys to the building from Carl Kemp, who built the hospital, and who also is an alumnus of the College. At the right Dr. Griffin is shown with the charming nurses on the staff.

Thousands Attend Dedication of Dr. Griffin's \$250,000 Hospital

President W. K. Payne Speaks; Kemp, Hopkins Build and Wire Edifice

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following story was written by Wilton C. Scott who attended the dedicatory services.

Over three thousand people gathered in Bainbridge's city park for the dedication of a hospital valued at a quarter million dollars, built by Dr. J. H. Griffin, graduate of Savannah State College, constructed by Carl Kemp, contractor and Savannah State College alumnus with electrical work by Major T. J. Hopkins, electrical contractor, also an alumnus of Savannah State College.

Ralph E. McGill, editor of the Atlanta Constitution delivered the principal address and lauded the tremendous efforts of Dr. Griffin.

President W. K. Payne of Savannah State College (S. S. C.) voiced the sentiment of the faculty and the alumni of Savannah State College in praising

the venture of Dr. Griffin, assisted by Major Hopkins and Mr. Kemp.

With T. Jan Perry, Sr., business administrator for Griffin Hospital and Clinic presiding, a most enjoyable program was presented. The invocation was given by Rev. R. C. Crouch, president emeritus, Georgia State Baptist Educational Association; and choral renditions, Albany State Choir.

Greetings were extended by Hon. R. A. Griffin, mayor, City of Bainbridge; R. M. Reynolds, chairman, Decatur County Commission; Dr. M. A. Fort, Health Commissioner, Decatur County; Dr. H. A. Bridges, President, Second Congressional Medical Association; Dr. W. L. Wilkerson, former mayor of Bainbridge; Marie Johnson, women's clubs of Bainbridge; and H. L. McIver, Sr., retired postal employee, who represented the citizenry.

Mr. Kemp, president of Kemp Construction Company, presented the building keys to Dr. Griffin.

Dr. J. L. Shirley, president of the Southeastern Medical Association, represented colored physicians; Rev. J. Howard Dell represented churches, and Professor H. S. Dixon, public schools; Presidents Aaron Brown and William K. Payne of Albany State and Savannah State Colleges represented the various colleges.

Mr. McGill was introduced by the Rev. Olin C. Cooper, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Bainbridge.

Griffin Hospital is recognized as the most modern for Negroes in Georgia with telephones and bathrooms for private rooms.

Among those attending the dedicatory ceremonies from Savannah were: Dr. Smith, Dr. J. E. Fonvielle, Wilton C. Scott, college public relations officer and Mrs. Scott, T. J. Hopkins, Mrs. Muriel Williams, the Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Lampkin, B. J. James and numerous students and alumni.