



Steward Serves as Twenty-Eighth Reunion Speaker

Rev. James Steward, class of '64 reminded students to forever appreciate the education they received at Phillips High School. He felt fortunate to have attended Phillips Elementary and Phillips High School. He pointed out many facts that indicated the education received through the diligent efforts of the teachers has helped the graduates to enjoy a richer life as citizens of the communities in which they reside.

Rev. Steward, his wife, and family are held in high esteem by the members of the Hillsdale Baptist Church, Cherry Street, Rocky Mount, North Carolina, where he is currently serving as pastor.

Members Worship at New Hope Baptist Church

The '05 reunion ended with an enjoyable and inspirational worship service at the New Hope Baptist Church in the Dunbar Community. The Word of God was very well outlined and presented by the Rev. Samuel Clemmons, pastor.

The Choir directed by Mr. Tony Hill had many graduates of Phillips. The music was excellently rendered and added much to the spirituality of the worship service.

The former Miss Rosa Battle, a graduate of Phillips High School and Fayetteville State University, is the wife of Rev. Clemmons. They have

two children.

Alphonso Thorne, a graduate, represented Phillips High School very well in the manner that he served as master of ceremonies.

All left rejoicing in gratitude for having shared a wonderful worship experience, for having had the opportunity to renew old acquaintances, and for having been blessed to enjoy another great high school reunion.

The Rocky Mount Chapter Experiences Growth

The North Carolina Chapter is happy to report significant growth. Many graduates are returning home following retirement and are showing interest in the alumni association. To help with operational expenses and financial contributions, the local members have agreed to pay \$15.00 local membership fees. They still pay the \$60.00 for participation in all reunion activities and for death remembrances and other privileges as outlined on the back of the membership card or just \$30.00 for participation in the banquet activities on Saturday night.

The president has issued a challenge. A member who recruits ten new members will receive some incentive donated by the national president.

Many thanks to the daughter of the late James Worsley, class of '53, for having encouraged the members at our last setting to support the financial efforts of the association.

Which Class Will Have Bragging Rights?

Each class is asked to come prepared to rally among your classmates and stand and report no less than \$10.00. Many classes are having reunions, but they don't give anything to the parent body. Only two or three classes have had reunions and reported a donation to the parent body. We should not only "Want to Look Back," but we should also want to "Give Back." If the Lord has blessed you educationally and financially, it is hoped that you may want to help some child at Phillips, North Edgecombe, or donate some needed item/s to Phillips. The north side of Edgecombe county is not as fortunate as the other side to have parents or donors who give to their schools.

When your class year is called, it is hoped that one of your classmates will stand and begin the rally for your class with at least a dollar. The class that has the top amount will have the year engraved on a cup that will be kept and used as a revolving prize. The body may decide if this amount should go directly to Phillips, to the scholarship fund, or one half to Phillips and one half to the scholarship fund.

New Principal Attends Alumni Meeting

Mr. William Etheridge, attended the local chapter's October meeting.

He began his teaching career at North Edgecombe where he taught twelve years. He has served as assistant principal under Mrs. Evelyn Johnson, former principal, who is now a member of the administrative staff for the Edgecombe County Schools

He lives in Tarboro. His two children attended Phillips and North Edgecombe.

He asked the help of the graduates as volunteers. He explained the plight of the low test scores. The Sylvan tutorial program could benefit many students, but many don't have after-school transportation.

He encouraged the members to attend the school board meetings and speak up for the needs of Phillips and other schools on this side of the county.

There is still hope to give more scholarships. We are still giving only one high school scholarship and one financial incentive at the eighth grade level. Most surrounding high school alumni associations are giving three or more. When we submit our article to the local paper, we want to show growth in our efforts to help our students with their educational goals.

Christmas Fellowship Breakfast Yields Profit

The Christmas Fellowship Breakfast this year yielded a profit of \$80.00. The members donated many of the breakfast items in addition to paying \$10.00 for the meal. The profit was placed in the scholarship fund.

The theme was "The Joyful Spirit of Christmas." We are grateful to the North End Baptist Church for allowing us to use their fellowship hall. Because of the crowded schedule at Christmas the local chapter is considering a change in the date.

It was decided the member who sold the most tickets would receive a framed certificate: "Ms. Joyful Spirit" for the ladies and "Mr. Loyal Supporter" for the men. The two highest sellers this year were Helen Hines-Hunter and Alma Williams.

Program participants included Maurieta Cozart, Erma Silver, Alma Williams, Diana Scott, Lurania Carter, and Roy Watson.

The food committee consisted of Willie Bennett, Marie Bryant, and Shirley Clark. There were others who assisted.

Mildred Hines and Waldo Powell served as co-chair.

Our community outreach activity associated with this activity included a large box of items donated to the homeless shelter on McDonald Street.

President Will Give Report

The president will give a report at the business meeting on Friday night from the executive committee authorized by the parent body to contact some possible corporate donors.

Still with Us in Heart and Love

We extend our sympathy and prayer of remembrance to the following families from whom we received notification of death.

Harriet Watson, associate member and wife of a Phillips graduate

Alfred Davis, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

(A graduate of Bricks. He often received the award for greatest distance traveled to be with us at the reunion.) He is the brother of Brick graduates and a Phillips graduate.

Richard Dickens, a brother and father of many Phillips graduates

Charlotte Jones Rogers, a Phillips graduate and sister of a Brick graduate and cousin of a Phillips graduate

James Mack, the father of many Phillips graduates

If you are a member who has paid \$60.00, please report death of family member or major illness as outlined on the back of your membership card to Roy Watson (252) 443-3973 or any officer.

Would You Like to Consider Regional Chapters?

A chapter may consist of at least three graduates or others who attended Phillips or Bricks.

President may name a key person to serve as president and give a folder of possible contacts. Suggestions of possible activities for bonding: Send birthday cards to members in your chapter, share ideas among yourselves and with the national president, and be prepared at the national business meeting to give accomplishments and significant information about members in your chapter (retirement, weddings, achievement of children, grandchildren, special honor, promotions, hobbies etc.) Plan a Saturday activity in the name of your chapter

that others may attend (Inform the president early in order not to have an overlapping schedule), have a raffle and send tickets to the parent body and other chapters. May be in charge of a 50/50 raffle at the national meeting. Inform members about trips in your area in which you may want the alumni to participate.

Possible Chapters:

Carolina (Coastal Plain) Rocky Mount, Battleboro, Enfield, Tarboro, Wilson, Weldon, Roanoke Rapids

Carolina (Piedmont) Raleigh, Durham, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Charlotte

Carolina (Lower Southeast) Lillington, Fayetteville, Wilmington

Triangle: DC, Maryland, and Virginia

Metropolitan: Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York

Southeastern: South Carolina, Georgia, Florida

West Coast: State of Washington through California

Northeastern Area/New England:

Connecticut Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, Michigan, Massachusetts, and Maine

We would appreciate it very much if you have classmates, relatives, or friends who attended or are graduates of Bricks or Phillips who reside in the above named cities or states including Delaware, Indiana, Oklahoma, Texas, or other cities or states not listed, please relay information to the president or any officer.

If you plan to attend the reunion activities this year, please bring the information with you. Your help in locating former students and graduates would be greatly appreciated.

A Special Teacher Is Remembered

Mrs. Bertha Joyner is one of the teachers who grew up in the Phillips School Area. She taught many students in the schools within that area. She is somewhat confined to her home at this time. She still likes to share fond memories and give encouragement. Those who remember her may want to call her or send a card while you are in attendance at the reunion in May. A check will be made concerning visitation. This information will be shared with you at the reunion.

*We Are Proud of Our Scholarship
Recipients*

Name: Travares Hymes Tyler

School: North Edgcombe

Parents: Alicia and Derek Tyler

*Grandparents: Constance Mack Hymes
and the late Harvey Dean Hymes*

*The eighth grade recipient was chosen
by the former principal. The typist
did not have the name at the time of
the preparation of this newsletter.*

*You have our best wishes for success
as you pursue your educational goals.*

'05 Reunion Statistics

Highest Attendance:

The 1959 Class

*The 1955 class had many
classmates to return for
their golden celebration.*

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**SCHOOLMATES,
CLASSMATES, AND FRIENDS**

We want to see you



***at the twenty-eighth
reunion.***

***We are going to have a GOOD TIME.
All activities will be on the campus
of Phillips School!***

Y'all come!