The Board of Trustees and the Faculty of
East Carolina College
cordially invite you to attend
the dedication of
Charles B. Aycock Hall
on Sunday, December the ninth
Nineteen Hundred and Sixty-two
at four-thirty o'clock
South Campus of East Carolina College
Greenville, North Carolina

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CHARLES BRANTLEY AYCOCK, 1859-1912

Perhaps the greatest tribute to Charles Brantley Aycock is not that he was Governor from 1901 to 1905. The fact that he is almost universally admitted to have been "the best loved North Carolinian of his generation" is a tribute he would much more highly have prized.

The statistical facts about him may be briefly summarized. He was born November 1, 1859, on a Wayne County farm. His parents were plain people, but ambitious, industrious, and independent. His father was for eight years clerk of the court, and in 1864-65, an outstanding member of the North Carolina State Senate.

Young Aycock was educated at the Wilson Collegiate Institute and the Joseph H. Foy School in Kinston, and later distinguished himself as a debater at the University of North Carolina. Admitted to the bar in 1881, he was thereafter almost equally known as an outstanding attorney and as a leader in the State Democratic campaigns.

In 1900, he was elected Governor. Both in his pre-election campaign and through his whole term as Governor and afterward he became the foremost North Carolina champion of "universal education". Even earlier as a member of the Goldsboro school board he had faced the problems of local education. "Public schools must be provided", he insisted, "for both races and equally for poor children and wealthier". This cause, which won him national fame as the State's "Educational Governor", still had the foremost place in his interests when he died suddenly from a heart attack while addressing the Alabama Educational Association in Birmingham April 4, 1912. Most fittingly there is carved upon his monument in Raleigh the words he had written for an address in which he had planned to announce a few days later his candidacy for the United States Senate:

Equal! That is the word! On that word I plant myself and my party — to the equal right of every child born on earth to have the opportunity to burgeon out all that there is within him!
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CHARLES B. AYCOCK HALL AT EAST CAROLINA COLLEGE TO BE DEDICATED SUNDAY

Greenville, N. C., December—U. S. Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr., will make the principal address Sunday, Dec. 9, at ceremonies dedicating East Carolina College's new residence hall for men students to Charles B. Aycock, North Carolina Governor (1901-1905) famed for his leadership in education.

The program will take place in the recreation lounge of Charles B. Aycock Hall at 4:30 p.m. The public is invited.

The dormitory is one of a group of three residence halls for men located on the South campus just off Tenth Street in Greenville. Housing 520 students, it has been in use since the fall of 1960. By action of the Board of Trustees in October, 1961, it was named in honor of North Carolina's "educational governor."

Included on the program for the afternoon will be the unveiling of a portrait of Gov. Aycock, presented by Major L. P. McLendon of Greensboro and Mrs. McLendon, Governor Aycock's daughter. The portrait, painted by M. Trum Gorkley of the School of Art faculty at East Carolina, will be unveiled by Miss Cathy Moreno of Washington, D. C., great-great-granddaughter of Gov. Aycock. Chairman J. Herbert Waldrop of the East Carolina Board of Trustees will accept the portrait for the college.

President Leo W. Jenkins and Dean Robert L. Holt of East Carolina College will also take part in the program.

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ECC Sets Dormitory Dedication

CERNAKIUKI — The E.C.C. will hold a dedication for its new dormitory, located on the corner of Main and Elm St. This event will take place on Sunday, April 14th, at 3 p.m. The dedication will feature speeches from various college officials and a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The new dormitory, named the "Carolina Annex," is the largest dormitory on campus and will provide housing for 400 students. The dormitory has been constructed with state-of-the-art amenities, including a fitness center, study lounge, and Wi-Fi access throughout.

The dedication ceremony will also include a concert by the college's resident band, "The Harmony Club." The band will perform a medley of popular songs, including "Old MacDonald Had a Farm," "The Itsy Bitsy Spider," and "Somewhere My Love."

All members of the college community are invited to attend the dedication ceremony. For more information, please contact the E.C.C. administration at 123-456-7890.
OCCASIONAL EXERCISES HAVE LARGE ATTENDANCE.

May 28, 1910

Ex-Gov. Aycock Delivers Fine Address
President Wright Makes State-ment Concerning School.

The first session of East Carolina Teachers' Training school came to an end today and closed with appropriate exercises, beginning at 11 o'clock.

As Miss Bishop played a march on the piano the following passed down the aisles of the crowded auditorium and took seats upon the stage: President Wright with ex-Gov. C. B. Aycock, State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner, County Superintendent W. H. Ragland, Hon. Y. T. Ormond member of school executive committee, Mr. F. C. Harding, chairman trustees Greenville graded school, Supt. H. B. Smith of the graded school, Rev. B. F. Huske and Rev. J. H. Shore.

The students of the school then entered, singing "Ho, for Carolina," as they marched in, taking seats in front at the conclusion of the song. The girls were all dressed in white and presented a handsome picture. The order of exercises was as follows:

Prayer by Rev. B. F. Huske
Song—America
Chorus—a. Welcome Spring
L. Denza
b. Gondolier's Song
C. Hoffmann
Hymn Chas. R. Aycock
Know a Band
R. C. E. Herne.

Amendment
Song—The Old North State
Benediction by Rev. J. H. Shore
President Wright introduced Hon. Charles B. Aycock, who delivered the address. In beginning Gov. Aycock expressed regret at the absence of Gov. Jarvis in whose mind this institution was conceived, and paid him a tribute as governor, U. S. senator and senator, but said in old age he is doing his greatest work in the advancement of education and Christianity.

"I am going to make a speech which I expect some of you have heard before if you have may...

Universal education is necessary. You cannot get the best for your child without making possible for me to get the best for my child. Give your child the highest education possible and put him in a community where no one else is educated and what have you accomplished? Nothing. Your boy will make the best use of the education given him, must be surrounded by those who have been given equal opportunities. Do we train a horse for speed by putting him on a track by himself? No. He must be put on the track with others in competition. Your boy is not going to run race alone, but others around him must be educated to push him to development. Yes, we must educate everybody. If you want the best for your child you must give the best to everybody else's children.

Following the splendid address, President Wright made some statements in regard to the school. He referred to the fact that to establish the school the town of Greenville and county of Pitt had contributed $100,000, and the State had appropriated a little less than $75,000. Ground was broken and work on the buildings began July 25, 1908, and the first session of the school opened Oct. 5th, 1908. Six buildings, were erected and while all the equipment for the school had been ordered in time it had not arrived at the opening, but temporary arrangements were made for carrying on the work until the equipment arrived and was installed.

During the session just closed 172 students were enrolled as 87 per cent of these agreed to teach two years in the public schools, thus obtaining...
Governor Aycock then took up his theme of education (he was known as our educational governor) and said he would repeat what he had uttered several times before, that he is in favor of educating everybody, and he would go even further and say he was in favor of educating everything. Education is not only good for people, but it is good for animals and vegetables. We call it improving the Irish potato when we increase its value as a food product, but we are only educating the potato. We call it breaking a mule when we go about training the young animal for service, but we are merely educating him. If education is good for potatoes and mules, it is better for folks.

If we educate everybody, does it mean everybody will be equal? Not at all. One star differs from another star in glory. It is not for us to say who will be greatest and who will be least, that is for God to determine. But it is our duty to give all an equal chance and then let God choose the greatest from among them. If we educate everybody, some will continue to be ditchers and some will continue to split rails.

There are big jobs and little jobs, but it should be the full man to fill each respective sphere. Nothing is worth having it must be paid for, and you must pay for them before you get them.

The Daily Reflector
New Aycock Hall Is Dedicated
At ECC Sunday; Ervin Here

Standing (left to right), before a portrait of Gov. Charles B. Aycock, are his daughter, Mrs. Beverly Ross; great-granddaughter, Kathy Morson; and grandson, Charles B. Aycock. The portrait is a gift to North Carolina from Gov. Aycock's family.

(Daily Reflector, Dec. 10, 1962)
We must join our efforts with other public officials to ensure that-big government serves the trustworthiness with which it is invested. In short, it is our privilege in 1968 to have the public responsibility to apply the laws and in the Constitution today, I am confident that these objectives will be met and that we can add future years of greater service to the American people to the fourscore which we celebrate today.

LAYOFFS ON LONG ISLAND

Mr. KEATING. Mr. President, amid the general rejoicing on Long Island at the important space works contracts recently awarded to Grumman Aircraft Corp., there has been a tendency in some circles to forget numerous hardships and serious layoffs now taking place at American Bosch-Arma. The irony of the situation at Arma is that the Defense Department, in calling them that their future depends on winning bids. Yet the cause of their present distress is that-they did offer the best proposals for the guidance system of the Titan III missile. Of course, no one would have started to work out production details when the Defense Department changed its mind and decided to turn elsewhere for an admittedly less advanced and sophisticated system. Meanwhile American Bosch-Arma management and labor are leaving no stone unturned in their vigorous search for new contributions to make to the defense effort. Both management and labor deserve credit for their willingness to take this blow lying down. The Engineers Association of Arma has been very active in pursuing the question and now the Long Island Federation of Labor has joined in the effort to keep Arma’s fine team of scientists, engineers, and technicians generally informed and supported for these efforts 100 percent.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed at this point in the Record an article on this subject published in the Long Island Daily Press and Newsday.

"There being no objection, the articles were ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

From the Long Island Daily Press, Jan. 9, 1968

UNIONS HUNT WAYS OF GETTING NEW DEFENSE CONTRACTS FOR LONG ISLAND

Union leaders sat down, here today to find ways of getting more defense contracts for Long Island.

Union leaders on their agenda was the future of American Bosch Arma Corp., in Garden City, threatened with layoffs.

Union officials have expressed fears that the firm’s highly trained technical team would dissolve without new Government contracts.

Bosch Arma began laying off personnel after a Government decision not to produce a new guidance system for the Titan III rocket.

The company produces guidance systems for the Atlas missile and was in late for work on the Titan III missile.

As a result of the Government decision, Arma’s staff was further cut to the point where it numbered only 60 percent of what it was 18 months ago.

The latest layoffs cost the jobs of 16 technicians, engineers and technicians also drafted into service in the service’s laboratories.

William Warner, president of Arma Local 418 of the International Union of Electrical Workers, which represented the Defense Department officials to “hammer home” the implications of the layoffs.

Meanwhile, the Arma situation stirred a lot of another union quarter yesterday.

Charles J. Brown, president of the Long Island Federation of Labor, called on Defense Secretary Robert McNamara to act quickly to prevent dismemberment of Arma’s technical staff.

Brown, however, was heartened by statements of a defense official following a recent tour of Long Island in support of the Defense Department, said Arma’s future depends on its success in winning bids on contracts.

From Newsday, Jan. 9, 1968

LONG ISLAND LABOR UNIT BIDS McNAMARA ON ARMA; NEW LAYOFFS SET

GARDEN CITY—The president of the 90,000-member labor federation of labor urged Secretary of Defense McNamara yesterday to take swift action to ease the job pressure on workers at the American Bosch Arma Corp. At the same time, it was disclosed that Arma is laying off an additional 236 employees this week and next—brining the number of layoffs in the last year to 1,600.

Charles J. (Chuck) Brown, president of the labor federation, told McNamara in a telegram that Arma had reduced its payroll by 47 percent in 18 months. When the current layoffs end next week, Arma will have 3,566 employees remaining. Brown urged the Defense Secretary to act quickly “to prevent dismemberment of the highly integrated Arma engineering team.”

Brown is still awaiting a reply from the White House on a request made December 26 to meet with President Kennedy to discuss the Arma crisis.

A spokesman for the federation said the labor group hoped McNamara would help obtain new Government contracts for Arma. Arthur Sylvester, Assistant Defense Secretary for Logistics, Arma, Brown would have no comment until he has a chance to study Brown’s telegram and Arma’s.

A spokesman for Arma’s telephone
gram had the support of the leaders of three Arma locals of the International Union of Electrical Workers, president of local No. 418; Owen Shey, president of local No. 460, and Frank McCall, president of local No. 420.

Many of Arma’s troubles stemmed from the loss last summer of a $35 million contract for the guidance system on the Titan III missile. The latest layoffs involve 161 scientists, engineers and technicians, and 69 draftsmen and skilled bench workers.

Brown told McNamara that he was worried about the threat of a breakup of Arma’s technical team if new Government contracts were not obtained. As a head of a labor organization of 1,000 workers, I have been especially concerned about this, not only because it menaces a vital link in Long Island’s defense production capability, but in its national aspect as well.”

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CRITICS SCALE FORD: Big scale critics were heard at the 12th annual meeting of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs in Boston last week. The meetings were held on the campus of a great institution of learning on December 9, 1968.

In dedicatory remarks made by the occasion, that occasion to sell out in brief compass the life and services of this great North Carolinian, I ask unanimous consent that my dedicatory remarks on this occasion be printed at the point in the Record.

There being no objection, the remarks were ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

CHARLES BRANTLEY AYCOCK, APOSTLE OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

We meet today at East Carolina College for this twofold purpose.

1. To dedicate this magnificent building to the service of the youth of North Carolina, and to the memory of Charles Brantley Aycock, one of the most beloved and most useful of all the mortals who have called the Old North State home.

2. To hear first his home to this great institution of learning his portrait.

Let me relate the prominent external events of the life of this great North Carolinian.

Charles Brantley Aycock was the youngest of the 10 children of Benjamin Aycock and his wife, Serena Brooks, devout Primitive Baptists, whose English ancestors settled in the coastal plain of North Carolina in early days. The day of his birth was November 1, 1859, and the place of his birth was his father’s farm near Fremont in Wayne County.

The farmer by vocation, his father was one of the outstanding political leaders of Wayne County, represented his district in the State senate, and served as a member of the superior court of Wayne County. The tax records of Wayne County indicate that he possessed substantial acumen in economic matters. They show that by 1860, he had acquired 1,038 acres of land near Fremont valued at $7,000, and 9 slaves worth an additional $11,000.

Aycock received his preliminary education at the academies of Wilson and Kinston. His most formative schooling was that received at the academy in Wilson, which was known as Wilson College.

Here he developed a special talent for oratory in debates with his schoolmates, met Varina Davis Woodward and her younger sister, Cora Lily Woodard, and formed enduring friendships with Henry Groves Connor, Josephus Daniels, and Frank A. Daniels, who were numbered among his staunchest admirers and supporters in afteryears. It is interesting to note that as a youth of 16 years he taught 76 pupils, of whom 20 were older than he, at a school in Fremont for 1 term during an intermission between his attendance at the collegiate institute and the academy in Kinston.

Aycock entered the University of North Carolina in 1871. Despite a lack of aptitude in mathematics, he completed the prescribed course in 3 years and graduated with a degree of bachelor of philosophy in 1883. He was able to accelerate his graduation by attending the University Normal School for Teachers during two summer sessions.

While a student at Chapel Hill, young Aycock became a member of a literary society, the editorial board of the North Carolina University magazine, and as chief commencement marshal. He distinguished himself in his senior year by winning the two most cov-
ed student awards, the Bingham Medal for English Composition, and the Manhattan Medal for Graudation. In addition to these activities and achievements, he served for a time as the editor of the Chapel Hill Ledger, a small newspaper devoted to the study of law under Dr. Kemp P. Battle. His closest friend at Chapel Hill was his roommate, Frank Daniels, with whom he later founded Wilson College Institute. While a student at Chapel Hill, he transferred his religious allegiance from the Presbyterian to the Missionary Baptist Church, and retained his membership in that denomination for the remainder of his life.

After graduating from the University of North Carolina, Aycock continued the study of law on his own as a public lawyer in Goldsboro, the county seat of Wayne County. He and Frank A. Daniels were licensed to practice law by the Supreme Court of North Carolina in January 1881, and forthwith established a legal partnership in Goldsboro under the firm name of Aycock & Daniels. Aycock frequently stated in subsequent years that his share of the gross fees of this partnership during its first year totaled $750, and that friendship prevailed until Aycock's inauguration as Governor.

On May 25, 1881, Charles Brantley Aycock married Miss Rebecca Todd, a fair-haired, beautiful character. They had three children: Ernest Aycock, who died in infancy; A. E. Aycock, who died at the age of 17; and Alice Aycock, the accomplished wife of Dr. Clarence Poe, distinguished physician and editor of Raleigh. Varius Young Aycock died July 9, 1889.

On January 7, 1891, Aycock contracted a second marriage with his first wife's younger sister, Gela Lily Todd, who was noted for her gentleness of manner and devotion to domestic life, and who survived him many years. Their children included William Benjamin Aycock, Mary Lily Aycock, Connor Woodard Aycock, John Lee Aycock, Louise Rountree Aycock, Frank Daniels Aycock, and Brantley Aycock. Only three of them, John Lee Aycock of Chicago, III.; Brantley, an associate member of the Kinston bar; and Mary Lily Aycock, the charming wife of Maj. Lennox Polk Melendon, a brilliant member of the Greensboro bar, survive.

While he necessarily devoted his major efforts to serving the clients of his legal firm, Aycock participated in many activities of the Church, the Masonic, the Pythian, and the Odd Fellows in Goldsboro, and took an active part in the community affairs of his community, county, and State.

Since he had established a reputation as a debater at the Normal School, he was continually invited to speak for all of North Carolina's children before his graduation from the university and headed the movement to establish a graded school system for Goldsboro shortly after his admission to the bar. It is not surprising that Aycock was called to serve for one term as a member of the county board of public instruction of Wayne County, for many terms as chairman of the board of trustees of the Goldsboro High School, and as superintendent of the public schools of North Carolina and of Littleton Female College. He remained in Goldsboro until 1909 when he removed to Raleigh and established a lucrative law practice. He was prominent in the affairs of his college mates, Robert W. Winston, a former superior court judge, who was destined to win fame in after years as a writer of history.

Aycock maintained his residence in Raleigh the remainder of his life. While living there he acted as an adviser, moderator, and harmonizer in Democratic Party affairs, participated in the most important legislation, and spoke on many occasions in near and remote places on educational topics.

Notwithstanding his condition, which arose after his removal to Raleigh, Aycock announced his plan to enter a contest for the Democratic state ticket on April 4, 1912, in Birmingham, Ala., while addressing the meeting of the Southern Association on "Universal Education." It is significant that the last word he uttered was "education" and that he was laid to rest in Oakwood Cemetery at Raleigh in the presence of a sorrowing multitude who deplored the comparative brevity of his useful life.

I have endeavored to detail the chief external events in the life of Charles Brantley Aycock. These events explain his consummate professional skill as a trial lawyer, his inspiring eloquence as a public speaker, his unique leadership in the Democratic Party, or his unceasing dedication to the cause of public education.

If we are to understand these things we must know something of his personal background and characteristics, his political philosophy, and his loyalties to existing groups and traditions. These things which called his unusual gifts into action.

Aycock was attractive in manner and person. Standing about six feet two in height and weighing somewhat less than 200 pounds, his open countenance, blue eyes, and warm smile and sunny optimism which inculcated the confidence and unceasing efforts caused people instinctively to revere in him a confidence, which was mutual.

While he was considerate and gracious in his personal relations with others and observed the highest ethical standards in his dealings with adversaries at the bar or in politics, Aycock relished combat in the courtroom and the political arena, where he invariably seized the initiative and neither asked nor gave quarter. His fighting spirit combined with his well-known eloquence and power of expression, his eloquence of speech to make him a most formidable advocate for a client or a cause.

Although his voice was high pitched and shrill, he became a master of the harshness of tone in the upper reaches. Aycock was one of the most effective and eloquent public speakers our land has known. He omitted the use of manuscript or notes and spoke extemporaneously, or, as he put it, "hot from the shoulder." His versatility in oratory knew no bounds. He spoke with facility on any English and the vehemence of his oratory was such as to cause humor to amuse or illustrate, and sarcasm to demolish. He appealed with equal force to the reason or to the passions of his hearers. He possessed to a remarkable degree the rare oratorical power to move his audiences to laughter or tears.

Aycock had well defined philosophies in respect to both law and government. He maintained at all times that it is the duty of courts not to make laws but to interpret and apply the existing law. He did this because he recognized the fundamental truth that some are the rule now than the cause of popular comprehending, that when judges base their decisions on personal notions of justice, rather than on the Constitution, they constitute the caprice of men for the rule of law.

As a county seat lawyer, Aycock accepted his clients as they came to him, regardless of whether they were rich or poor, and white, powerful or weak, or corporate or personal. He fought to secure for all of them their full rights under the law. He believed that the right of every man to a fair trial and the safety of the people themselves upon popular causes, no matter what consequences he may suffer for so doing.

The devotion to the Democratic Party and to both internal and external origins. He believed that the Federal Government has the powers granted it by the Constitution, and that all other powers are reserved to the people or the States. He believed that a strong centralized government is necessary for a free people, but that all other powers are reserved to the people or the States. He believed that government should secure equal opportunities to all men and a greater security for the minorities.

These things being true, Aycock's political philosophy was in complete harmony with
CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—SENATE

January 16

The colonial empire of the Congo no longer exists. There are left two distinct branches of this long disused institution. There are the various races who, from the time of colonialism forward, have opposed each other. They are absolutely and completely dead, and utterly unrecognizable. It follows that no war waged by one of the above parties against the other, for purposes of subjugation has any slightest justification in law. It also follows that no foreign state can pretend to have the right to subject one part of the Congo to the other part.

So said Albert Schweitzer, a good man, a wise man, a moral man, and an expert on Africa. Yet his actions and those of others who have expressed views similar to his have been discredited and even abused by the U.N. moralists who robbed the bank in Katanga.

The world is indeed upside down in many places, and nowhere is this unhappy fact more apparent than in the Congo.

The Cuban Prisoner Transaction

Mr. CURTIS. Mr. President, we share the joy of those families who were recently reunited with their valiant, fathers, husbands, and sons who survived the invasion of the Bay of Pigs.

The generosity of America is ever present. But, has its method in this instance served the best interests of this Nation? Has precedent been established by which may haunt us in the future? I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the Record an editorial from the Oakland Tribune of December 27, 1962, entitled "The Cuban Prisoner Deal."

There being no objection, the editorial was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

The Cuban Prisoner Deal.}
Mrs. Agnes W. Barrett  
Office of the President  
East Carolina College  
Greenville, N. C.

Dear Mrs. Barrett:

I took the liberty of sending the suggested program of dedication to Dr. Clarence Poe for his views, since he, having written a biography on Dad's life, was better informed than most any person in the State as to Dad's background. I enclose herewith a proposed biography which I trust will meet with your approval.

Dr. Poe did not return the copy of the program but fortunately I had made a photostat which I return herewith. On the front page you will observe that I have added the word, "Aycock", which was inadvertently omitted.

I will forward to you tomorrow the list of guests whom the family would like invited to the dinner at Dr. Jenkins' home, and another list whom the family would like to have invited to the dedication.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Chas. B. Aycock

Chas. B. Aycock

CBA:mc
Enclosures
October 22, 1962.

Dr. Leo Jenkins,
President,
East Carolina College,
Greenville, North Carolina.

Dear Dr. Jenkins:

Re: Dedication of Aycock Building

During my recent illness with a bout of bronchial infection, I got in touch with Brantley Aycock at Kinston and asked him to take charge of the arrangements on the occasion of the dedication of the Aycock Building. He writes me that Senator Ervin has agreed to make the address and that you have fixed the time as 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 9.

I have had quite a bout with a bronchial infection and have sufficiently recovered that I am at work on a limited schedule. I hope to be back to normal soon.

Yours very truly,

L. P. McLendon.

LPM:fb
Dr. Leo Jenkins  
President  
East Carolina College  
Greenville, N. C.

Dear Dr. Jenkins:

After talking to you this morning I again talked with Senator Ervin, and he has agreed to present the portrait on Sunday, December 9th. I still assume that the presentation will be made at 4:30 P.M. and that the dinner which you are so graciously giving will be held at 5:30 P.M.

I am notifying all of the members of the family and will subsequently furnish you with a list of those to be invited to the presentation, as well as those members of the family who will expect to be at the dinner.

Thanking you for your splendid co-operation in this matter, I am

Sincerely yours,

Chas. B. Aycock

CBA:mc
Major L. P. McLendon
440 West Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Major:

You will recall from our previous discussions and correspondence that it would be more convenient for you to have the dedication of the Aycock dormitory take place this fall rather than last spring as originally planned. We have the very fine portrait of Governor Aycock which you so kindly purchased for the College.

I should like to suggest that we consider Sunday afternoon, November 11, as a possible date for this dedication. I, of course, will not make any definite plans until I hear from you regarding this suggestion.

It is our custom at these dedications to invite several hundred guests, friends of the College and members of the family of the person for whom the building is named, to the program held in the building about 4:30 in the afternoon. Following the program, Mrs. Jenkins and I have a buffet dinner at our home for about fifty or sixty members of the family so honored and their relatives and friends. If this along with the date suggested is satisfactory to you, please send me a list, at your convenience, of the persons to be invited to the program and also a list of those to be invited to the dinner at our home.

Sincerely yours,

Leo W. Jenkins

LWJ:ea
Major L. P. McLendon
440 West Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Major McLendon:

I am enclosing for your files a receipt for your contribution of $300 to East Carolina College for the purchase of a portrait of Governor Aycock.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes W. Barrett
Administrative Secretary

AWB:ea
Dr. Leo W. Jenkins,
President,
East Carolina College,
Greenville, North Carolina.

Dear Dr. Jenkins:

I am enclosing my check for $300.00 payable to East Carolina College as a contribution to be used for the purchase of the portrait of Governor Charles B. Aycock which was painted, as I understand, by Professor Tran Gordley.

I understand you expect to arrange some ceremony in connection with the presentation of the portrait to be held this fall. The members of the Governor's family will be glad to cooperate.

Yours sincerely,

L. P. McLendon.

LPM:fb
Enclosure
Dr. Leo W. Jenkins,
President,
East Carolina College,
Greenville, North Carolina.

Dear Leo:

I have your letter enclosing letter from Professor Tran Gordley about the Aycock Portrait.

It was my understanding that you expected me to pay for the portrait and I agreed to do so. I do not recall that there was any agreement about the price although you expressed the opinion that you thought a good portrait could be obtained at a price not exceeding $300.00.

I do not think it would be fair to let the portrait painter wait indefinitely for his compensation and if you will let me know exactly what is the cost of the portrait, I will do the very best I can to provide the money.

While I am writing, I would like very much to have an opportunity to talk with you in person before the next meeting of our committees which I understand is to be about the 11th or 12th of June. When you answer this letter let me know what your schedule is for the remainder of the week following June 5.

Yours sincerely,

L. P. McLendon.
Dr. Leo Jenkins,
East Carolina College,
Greenville, North Carolina.

Dear Leo:

I am really very much pleased to get your letter of May 15 and your suggestion that the dedicatory program for Aycock Dormitory be postponed until September. I just do not see how I could possibly make a trip down there until after the Commencements are over.

Yours sincerely,

L. P. McLendon.

LPM:fb
May 15, 1962

Major L. P. McLendon
440 West Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Major McLendon:

I am most anxious for the man who will occupy Aycock dormitory to be present for the dedicatory program. As you know, we are in the midst of preparations for graduation and final exams, and will close on May 27. Summer school will begin June 11; however, many of the people in summer school will not be the men we consider regular occupants of the dormitory. I, therefore, feel that it would be much nicer to have the dedicatory program sometime in September.

It is our custom at these dedications to invite several hundred guests, friends of the college and of the family of the person for whom the building is named, to the program held in the building, in the afternoon. Following the program, Mrs. Jenkins and I have a buffet dinner at our home for about fifty or sixty members of the family so honored and their relatives and friends. If this is satisfactory to you, please send us a list sometime in August of persons to be invited to the program and also a list of these to be invited to dinner at our home.

Sincerely yours,

Leo W. Jenkins

LWJJB
Dr. Leo W. Jenkins,
President,
East Carolina College,
Greenville, North Carolina.

Dear Dr. Jenkins:

I will be glad to have Mr. Gordley come to the portrait of Governor Aycock. As I told you, the one the family likes best is at my home here in Greensboro and it would be perfectly all right if Mr. Gordley to come any time that would be convenient to him. It would be desirable for him to notify us in advance so that we might be out of town. There is a very fine copy of the portrait which we have in the Courthouse at Goldsboro. I did not think the artist did a good one, but Mr. Gordley might look at it. He might also wish to see it in the Governor's Office in Raleigh.

With reference to your letter of about enlisting the services of some person to assist all of our institutions in connection with Federal Aid -- this suggestion has already been made to the Governor and I think he expects the Commissioner to make some recommendation about it. My own idea is that such a person should be employed and added to the staff of the Board of Higher Education so that this person would have available to him all of the information and data which is currently collected in the Board's office. Since the present statutes require approval by the Advisory Budget Commission and of the Board for federal loans to be self-liquidated, it is necessary that the work we are discussing should be carried on in close contact with the Advisory Budget Commission and the Board.

Yours sincerely,

L. P. McLendon
PRIDE IN RECORDING A PEOPLE'S HISTORY

"A people who have not the pride to record their history will not long have the virtue to make history that is worth recording."


(C. B. Aycock died April 4, 1912)

Once said: If a man needs a long introduction, doesn’t deserve it; if DESERVES it, doesn’t need it.
Edgewood, May 20, 1910

at the closing exercises
of the first session of
East Carolina Teachers Training School. (Pleased graduated in session only a year.)

The closing exercises of the Greenville Graded School would begin on Friday, May 13, 1910, with the art exhibit and the music recital of Miss Eaton's advanced piano pupils, among whom Misses Pattie Wooten, Mamie Ruth Tunstall, Hilda Critcher, Marguerite Higgs, and Rubelle and Ernestine Forbes. The work of the pupils of Miss Kate W. Lewis, said the account, "showed remarkable skill" and that she could "feel proud of the splendid progress they had made." The graduating exercises were held on Monday night, May 16, 1910, in the auditorium of the Training School, when Professor E. C. Brooks, of Trinity College, would make the address. And in the same week the Winterville Graded School had one of its
The First Closing Day Exercises Held at East Carolina Teachers Training School: May 16, 1910 and May 20, 1910

"I am going to make a speech which I expect some of you have heard before—if you have, may the Lord have mercy on you."

Governor Aycock then took up his theme of education (he was known as the educational governor) and said he would repeat what he had uttered several times before, that he was in favor of educating everybody, and he would go even further, that he was in favor of educating everything.

—Ex-Governor Chas. B. Aycock, "E. C. T. T. S. Commencement, Reflector, May 20, 1910."

It was commencement time in Greenville, North Carolina; in fact, it was commencement time in Pitt County. On May 16, 1910, the Daily Reflector commented on a "Big Week"—Greenville graded school, Winterville High School, and East Carolina Teachers Training School all have commencements,

and that between watching Halley's Comet and attending commencements, people were hardly getting enough sleep. And hardly had the announcements of the three commencements listed above been published when Principal C. M. Eppes announced the Industrial graded school would hold its commencement in the Sycomore Baptist Church and that the white friends were invited to join the colored people in attending this closing exercises, at which the pastor, Rev. B. W. Dance, would deliver the address, Professor H. B. Smith of the Greenville Graded School would make a talk, and Mr. F. C. Harding would deliver the diplomas.

The closing exercises of the Greenville Graded School would begin on Friday, May 13, 1910, with the art exhibit and the music recital of Miss Watson's advanced piano pupils, among whom Misses Pattie Wooten, Namie Ruth Tunstall, Hilda Critcher, Marguerite Higgs, and Rubelle and Ernestine Forbes. The work of the pupils of the pupils of Miss Kate W. Lewis, said the account, "showed remarkable skill" and "justly that she could "feel proud of the splendid progress they had made!"

The graduating exercises were held on Monday night, May 16, 1910, in the auditorium of the Training School, when Professor E. C. Brooks, of Trinity College, would make the address. And in the same week the Winterville Graded School had one of its
finest commencements, with the Hon. H. T. Bickett making the closing exercises. At the Faculty meeting on May 11th, 1910, a committee composed of Misses Birdie McKinney, Kate W. Lewis, and Sallie Joyner Davis was elected to be in charge of 'arrangements for exercises at the close of School on May 20.' Though there would be no graduates, a formal program would give significance to the closing date of both the regular session and the first 'Spring Course for Teachers.' The date seemed of special importance to those teachers who had taken either the "One-Year Course for Rural Teachers" or the first of the "Spring and Summer Courses for Teachers"; for many of them would go out bearing a certificate testifying to their "satisfactory work," and many of them would stay for the summer term from May 24 to July 30 to continue their studies or would return the next year for additional study. So many of these already in the School and so many others were applying for admission that President Robert H. Wright issued "An Urgent Appeal" to the people of Greenville to take boarders during the summer school--to assist the Training School by accommodating the applicants for whom there was no room in the dormitories.

On May 14, 1910, the Reflector featured a short article, "E. C. T. T. S. Commencement," announcing that on May 10 the closing exercises would be held in the auditorium of the Training School and that the address would be delivered by ex-Governor Chas B. Aycock; and almost daily thereafter this exciting news was emphasized by repetition of the announcement and characterizations of the speaker as "a splendid orator" or "a polished orator."

On the morning of May 26, 1910, at eleven o'clock, a large audience was waiting in the auditorium of the Administration. While Miss Bisho
march on the grand piano, the following dignitaries passed down the aisles to the stage: President Robert Herring Wright and Ex-Governor Charles B. Aycock, the principal speaker for the occasion; State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. W. Joyner, who was also the ex officio Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Professor W. H. Ragdale, County Superintendent of the Public Schools of Pitt County and Lecturer on Pedagogy in the Training School; Hon. Y. T. Ormond, secretary of the Board of Trustees and member of the Executive Committee of the Board, and Hon. F. C. Harding, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Greenville Graded School; and the Rev. B. F. Huske and the Rev. J. H. Shore. Then the students, dressed in white and singing "No, for Carolinas," presented a handsome picture," said the Reflector account, as they marched in and took seats in front of the stage. How well the Music Department had trained the student body to sing was demonstrated when the entire group sang "America" and "The Old North State" and when the Training School Chorus sang Donza's "Welcome Spring," Hoffmann's "Gondolier's Song," and Horne's "I know a Bank."

After President Wright introduced ex-Governor Charles B. Aycock, that educational governor first expressed regret that Governor Jarvis was not present and paid tribute to him a great public officer but even more for the work of his old age—"the advancement of education and Christianity." Then warning the audience that he meant to speak his usual message, Governor Aycock launched vigorously into his plea for education for everybody and "even for everything." He declared that man was educating animals and vegetables, teaching a mule to obey and improving plants, and that if animals and plants should be educated, then surely every human being should be educated; and again he repeated—this time to an audience to whom his words had deep meaning, for they were being educated to help educate others—

Universal education is necessary. You cannot get the best for your child without making it possible for me to get the best for my child... If you want the best for your children, you must give the best to everybody else's children.
President Wright followed this with "literary address" by making several announcements: 172 students had been enrolled during the regular session, 87% of whom had agreed to teach two years in North Carolina and had therefore received free tuition; in addition to the regular session the School had held a special term for teachers from March 15 through May 20, and on the following Tuesday, May 24, it would open the first summer session to continue through July 30; and the Faculty had made forty-six educational addresses at educational gatherings in North Carolina and other states. The program had been opened with a prayer by the Rev. B. F. Huske and was closed with the benediction by the Rev. J. H. Shore.

Thus began Commencements for both the regular sessions and the summer sessions of the Institution, -- occasions that were the
November 15, 1962

Mrs. Agnes W. Barrett
Office of the President
East Carolina College
Greenville, N. C.

Dear Mrs. Barrett:

Please pardon my delay in furnishing you with a list of persons that the family would like to have invited to the dedication of the Aycock Building as well as those the family would like to have invited to the dinner at Dr. Jenkins' home.

I sincerely trust that my delay has not caused you any inconvenience. I have been out of town several days and also had difficulty getting information from the other members of the family.

Looking forward to meeting you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Chas. B. Aycock

CBA:mc
Enclosure
Dr. Leo Jenkins, President
East Carolina College
Greenville, North Carolina

Dear Leo,

Thank you for sharing with me the comments of Major McLendon. It is evident from the tone of the letter that any clash he has had does in no way color his evaluation of work well done.

Might I add that Bill Archie in talking to me praised the spirit he found at East Carolina and the work you are doing. He said he found morale high and confident. He added that your cooperative spirit was splendid.

Mrs. Stroud, and maybe her husband, will be our guests at the Aycock dedication and dinner at your house. They have a freshman son who is doing splendidly at East Carolina. He lives in Aycock.

Sincerely,

Henry Belk

HB/rtd
December 6, 1962

President Leo W. Jenkins
East Carolina College
Greenville, North Carolina

Dear Leo:

Ida and I thank you for thinking of us as a part of your dedication guest group for the Aycock Hall ceremonies. We regret we cannot be with you.

Please convey to the family the good wishes of the University and our heartiest congratulations on this splendid action of East Carolina College in perpetuating the name of a truly great North Carolinian.

Cordially,

William Friday
December 10, 1962

Dr. and Mrs. Leo W. Jenkins  
East Carolina College  
Greenville, N.C.

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Jenkins:

On behalf of all the Aycock families I am writing to express my appreciation of all the interest you took in having your handsome new dormitory named in honor of Governor Aycock.

The dedication services yesterday were most impressive and appropriate and the supper at your beautiful home a fitting climax to the day's events. These will always be cherished by Mrs. Poe and me among our most happy memories.

Not knowing whether or not you have a copy of The Life and Speeches of Charles B. Aycock, by Dr. R.W.W. Connor and myself, I am sending you under separate cover an autographed copy.

Major McLendon showed me all around your buildings yesterday and this gave me a new appreciation of how much East Carolina College means to the great area it serves.

Again congratulating you on the progress already achieved, and with best wishes for your continued success, I am

Sincerely yours,

Clarence Poe:r  

Senior Editor and Board Chairman
Dr. Leo Jenkins  
President  
East Carolina College  
Greenville, North Carolina  

Dear Dr. Jenkins:

May I express to you my deep appreciation for arranging the dedication of Aycock Hall at East Carolina College. Through you I would also like to express to the Board of Trustees of the College not only my appreciation but the appreciation of the entire Aycock family.

May I take this opportunity of commending you on the splendid arrangements made for the dedication and the efficient manner in which everything was handled. It was most kind of you and Mrs. Jenkins to invite us to the dinner at your lovely home after the dedication, and I am sure that all who attended will remain in your debt.

Mrs. Aycock joins me in kindest regards to you and Mrs. Jenkins, and wish to each of you a Most Happy Christmas.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Chas. B. Aycock
January 4, 1963

Mr. Charles B. Aycock
White & Aycock
Court House Square
Kinston, N. C.

Dear Mr. Aycock:

I am enclosing a picture taken at the dedication of Aycock Hall and a tear sheet from the local newspaper covering the dedication.

This was one of the finest events of the year and we enjoyed the opportunity to meet with you and members of your family.

We are looking forward to having you on our campus again for other events during the coming year.

Sincerely yours,

Leo W. Jenkins

LWJB
January 5, 1963

Miss Cathy Moreno
2539 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Cathy:

I am enclosing a picture taken at the dedication of Aycock Hall, on the campus of East Carolina College, when you unveiled a portrait of Governor Aycock. We were happy to have you, your mother, grandparents, and other members of the family here for the occasion and I trust you will visit the College again sometime.

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leo W. Jenkins, President

LWJ:B
January 5, 1963

Major L. P. McLendon
2301 West Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Major McLendon:

I am enclosing a picture taken at the dedication of Aycock and a tear sheet from the local paper covering the dedication. This was one of the finest events of the year and we enjoyed the opportunity to meet Mrs. McLendon and others members of the family.

I am also enclosing a picture taken in my office when the Board of Higher Education met here.

We shall look forward to having you on the campus for other events during the coming year.

Sincerely,

Leo W. Jenkins

LWJ:B
January 5, 1963

Dr. Clarence Poe
Box 2171
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Poe:

I am enclosing a picture taken at the dedication of Aycock Hall and also a tear sheet from the local paper which covered the dedication. This was one of the finest occasions of the year and we were most happy to have the members of the Aycock family on the campus and in our home following the dedication.

I most certainly appreciate your kindness in sending me the autographed copy of The Life and Speeches of Charles E. Aycock. I have used material from this book on two occasions recently, in speaking engagements, and have found it most interesting and helpful.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Leo W. Jenkins

LWJB
January 9, 1963

Dr. Leo W. Jenkins  
President  
East Carolina College  
Greenville, N. C.

Dear Dr. Jenkins:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of January 4th, in which you enclosed a picture taken at the dedication of Aycock Hall together with a tear sheet from the local newspaper.

I wonder if it would be possible for you to obtain an additional copy of the photograph for me, as I am sure that Cathy would love to keep one as a memento of the occasion. If there is any cost for this, please let me know and I will be glad to reimburse you for it. If it can be obtained I would appreciate it very much if you would forward it directly to her, her address being:

Miss Cathy Moreno  
2539 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Aycock and I greatly enjoyed the opportunity of being present at the dedication and particularly enjoyed the opportunity of seeing you and Mrs. Jenkins in your delightful home.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Chas. B. Aycock

CBA:mc
January 11, 1963

Mr. Charles B. Aycock  
White & Aycock  
Court House Square  
Kinston, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Aycock:

I took the liberty of mailing Cathy Moreno a picture and a tear sheet similar to that which was mailed to you. I shall, however, see if I can dig up another photograph in the event you may care to send it to someone else.

I should appreciate your dropping by for a visit the next time you are in Greenville.

With best wishes and highest personal regards,

I am

Sincerely yours,

Leo W. Jenkins

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Center and School to Be Dedicated

A LAWYER'S DESK—Reputedly used throughout Aycock's private law practice, this desk and chair are also on display in the Aycock Museum near Fremont.

A TRIBUTE — The people of Goldsboro presented this unique loving cup to Governor Aycock when he returned home at the end of his gubernatorial term.

PORTAIT OF THE MAN—The oil painting of Governor Aycock above is a copy of the original which is in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. McLendon, Greensboro. The above painting is in the Aycock Museum-Visitor Center. Mrs. McLendon is a daughter of the late state executive. (Photos by Lawrence Woford)

ATTENTION BRIDES!

Come in and make your selection of patterns in...
By BETSY MARSH

So says the anthem, "Home where the heart is."

And so the Aycock Birthplace off N.C. Highway 117 near Pembroke, does reflect more sure today what was close to the heart of the Tar Heel who was its "educational governor."

For there on a 10-acre site which since Nov. 1, 1959 has offered for public inspection the house in which the man was born are two additional fittings mentioned to Aycock to be dedicated at 2:30 a.m. next Sunday.

The additions are within year of the house in which the youngest of 10 children came into the world in 1859, a little more than a year before the outbreak of the Civil War. One of these is the Aycock Museum-Visitor Center which will house Aycock memorabilia never before displayed under one roof.

Other Addition.

The other addition—fitting for a man who once saw his moth take its place when seeing dead, and hence determined to procure an open schoolhouse for every child born in North Carolina—is the 1870 schoolhouse. Like the other that young Aycock attended, Nahunta (now Fremont) with his six other brothers, it is a feast money to this period in the State history when the Civil War and Reconstruction had destroyed the public school system and students plucked their education from wherever people of the color

HANDLOOMED — The Aycock did their weaving and spinning. In the kitchen, the exterior of which is pictured above, the bed below was an original one belonging to Aycock's parents.