

WEAVER COLLEGE

President Trowbridge States Aims of This Fine Institution

By Roberta Wallace Cobb.

Weaverville is a quietly progressive college town on the Appalachian Scenic Highway, nine miles north of the tourist metropolis of Asheville, in Buncombe County, North Carolina. It has its own Chamber of Commerce, a population between ten and twelve hundred, six churches (of which two are Afro-American), a high school, a college, several stores, garages, a bank, a millionaire, and is reputed to have in its four miles of pavement more concrete surface per capita than any town in Western North Carolina.

Civic interest is strongly concentrated in Weaver College proudly reposing on the greensward of "Dry Ridge"—150 feet from the Highway and a quarter of a mile from Main street—in all the dignity becoming to a \$500,000 co-educational Junior College, owned and controlled by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Embracing fifty-five acres of ground which nature and man together conspired to convert mostly into forests, lawns, pastures, gardens, including the gift of charming Lake Louise running over six acres to the highway, and with the comparatively recent \$100,000 endowment fund, which B. N. Duke formed with the nucleus of \$50,000, and a building extension program in view, Weaver College has reason to be justly proud.

Old Fashioned Campus

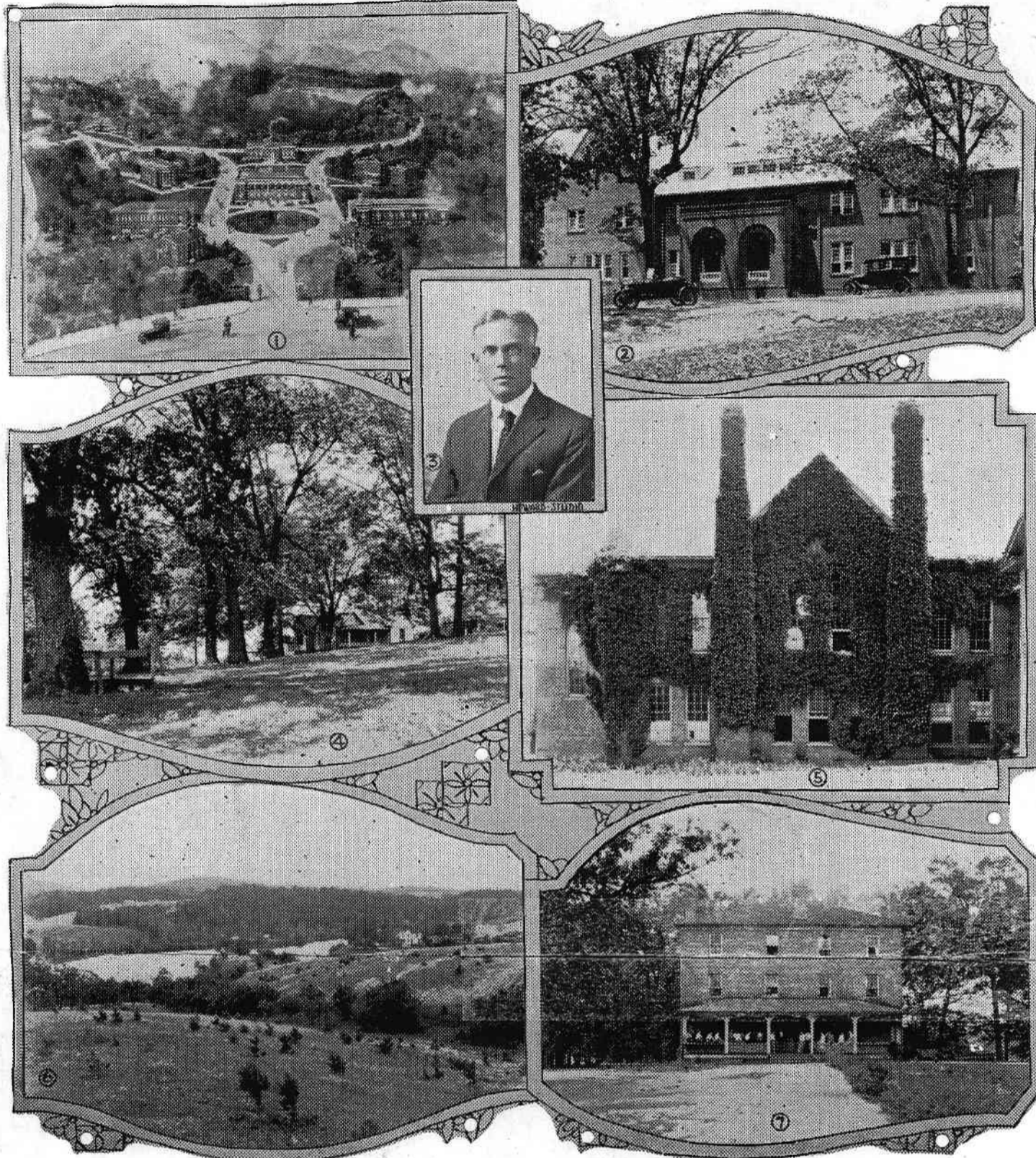
Coming up the driveway one is impressed by the old-fashioned distinctive atmosphere pervading the campus, where "Silent stand the vine-clad walls Enclosing Wisdom's classic halls."

No matter that the vine-clad walls of the one educational brick building with its two tall picturesque ivy-covered chimneys incorporate an outwardly undecorated architectural wing with a frame belfry pointing skyward, and bearing with the dignity of its age an unmistakable kindly, judicious, administrative air.

This wing, the original building, constructed in 1874, contains the library of 3,000 volumes, one class-room, the offices, the bookroom, quarters for the Athletic Association and for the student periodicals, and two society halls which have been used for the forensic training of several generations of young Americans. The larger wing to the Administration Building, erected in 1895, houses an attractive chapel, two class-rooms, a science laboratory, a science lecture room, and a storeroom for chemicals, apparatus and library pamphlets.

Skinner Hall

Skinner Hall, the \$45,000 Men's Dormitory named for David E. Skinner of the Class of '87, who donated \$25,000 toward its construction in 1922, is conceded to be one of the finest, all-round, modern equipped dormitories in the South. Incidentally, Skinner Hall occupies the Northwest corner of the old Reems Creek Camp Grounds, an historic religious locality of



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- 1.—Proposed new buildings.
- 2.—Boys' Dormitory.
- 3.—Mr. Trowbridge, president of Weaver College.
- 4.—View of the Campus with the Bishop Asbury oak on the left.
- 5.—Ivy-clad College building.
- 6.—View of the College lake.
- 7.—Girls' dormitory and Mess Hall.

Western North Carolina.

Crutchfield Hall built in 1908, and the erstwhile College presidential "White House" of 1885, constitute the feminine student and instructors' dormitories. These three brick buildings, with the exception of the "White House" and two frame cottages, list the College residences.

The esprit de corps of Weaver College as reflected through its activities is typically and grandly American. It stands for all that is noblest in the training of the faculties of mind and soul and body for healthy American citizenship. It emphasizes the triune education of mentality, personality, spirituality. It takes cognizance of the peculiar needs of certain classes of its student body and adapts its curriculum, its regulations, and finances accordingly.

What the College Offers

In the words of President Trowbridge: "In its effort to provide for each student just the training needed to develop his own individuality, Weaver College offers five distinct courses of study:

"The Classical Course is designed especially for those who feel reasonably sure that they will continue the course until

they receive a degree from some four year institution. It demands that the student carry those studies which are required in the Freshman and Sophomore years of most A-grade institutions.

"The General Course is presented for the special benefit of that very large number who feel sure they will never be able to secure a degree, but who wish to get some college training and prefer to map out a course of study to suit their particular needs, which leads to a junior college diploma. This course is, therefore, largely elective.

"Intermediate between these two extremes are the Education, the Business administration, and the Music courses, each constructed to provide foundation for the junior and senior years of the university, if one decides to continue training beyond junior college days, or to fit one reasonably well for making one's way without the university work if it seems nec-

essary or advisable to do so. These courses look toward teaching, business, or avocational preparation, and strive to make good citizens who shall be happy, physically well, economically prosperous, socially valuable, and spiritually stimulating. It seems that among the five groups of studies every one can find maximum value for the two college years, except, perhaps, those who have decided upon some technical or professional career. Even in that case, a broad foundation of cultural training will probably bring the largest results in the long run."

Personality Tests

Recognizing what a strong part personality plays in one's success or failure in life and making study of the questions asked by employment agencies, bonding companies, and vocational guidance advisors, Weaver College has drawn up a list of ten cardinal elements which are in the making of every individual and fundamentals of that elusive thing called per-

sonality. All students are graded on these ten points called "The College Attitude" which in the eyes of the college equal the grades made on studies. They are: manners, neatness, respect for property, co-operation, initiative, attendance and punctuality, dependableness, earnestness, improvement, and social life.

Weaver College offers a scholarship in Duke University to the student making the highest average grade in the senior year. A scholarship in Greensboro College for Women is tendered to the young woman whose grades in the senior year average highest. While Baylor University awards a scholarship to the honor graduates among the feminine students, loaning half the amount to the young lady who graduates with second highest rank.

College Periodicals

"The Weaver Pep" and "The Mountaineer" are the monthly and annual periodicals of the student publications, respectively. "The Weaver Bulletin," edited by the president of the College and concerning alumni sketches and items of general interest, is published quarterly. One of the interesting features of the college grounds is