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Dr. John Bennett Is New College Dean



"Sunny" Whisnant Is Now Editor, The Clarion

We are fortunate in having as editor of the Clarion a very capable and intelligent girl from Polkville, North Carolina, Sondra (Sunny) Whisnant. Sunny has participated in most of the usual clubs in high school and held responsible positions in many of them. She was a member of the glee club and band, newspaper staff, student council, and F. H. A. She was also county winner in many 4-H projects. Sunny was president of her local MYF and of the senior class in high school. Although active in these many organizations, Sunny maintained a high scholastic record which won for her the coveted honors of chief marshal and valedictorian.

Since Sunny has been at Brevard, she has been on the annual staff, a member of the Phi Theta Kappa and Sigma Pi Alpha, and a Big Sister.

Sunny enjoys reading and listening to a good variety of music. She has an unusual sense of humor which makes her a favorite among those who know her well. She is very much interested in journalism and has high hopes as well as concrete plans for the Clarion.

Good luck, Miss Editor.

Convocation Set At The College October 17-18

October 17-18 marks the date of the convocation on Christian Higher Education to be held at Brevard College.

Dr. Wilson Weldon, Conference Chairman on Christian Higher Education, will open the convocation on Thursday evening at 7:00 with an address selected for students and faculty — "The Christian Mind". Continuing the program, Dr. Hollis Eden, president of Duke University, will speak at 10:30 Friday morning on "Education and Religion". Although the regular 8 and 9 o'clock classes will be held on Friday morning, classes through noon on Friday will be cancelled in order for students to attend the morning service.

At 2:00 Friday afternoon there will be a movie, "Campus Parish", shown in the auditorium. All students are invited to see the film.

There will be a tea for the guests in the parlor of Annabel Jones Hall at 3 o'clock on Friday afternoon.

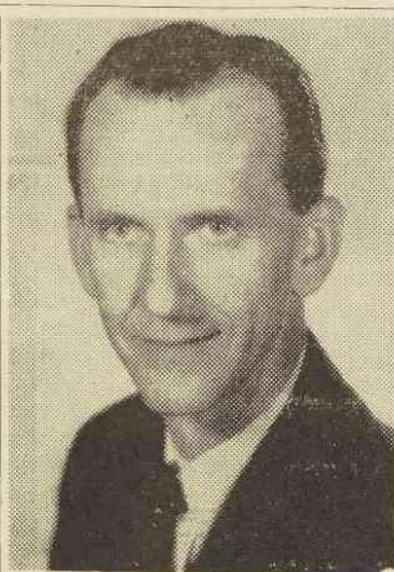
The Western North Carolina Bishop, Bishop Harmon, will speak at 4 o'clock on "The Methodist Church and Higher Education". Bishop Harmon has spent thirty-eight years in service in the Methodist Church.

In accordance with the program of the Methodist Church for the dedication of its church colleges, the concluding worship service will be one of rededication for Brevard College administration, faculty, and students. Dr. Kenneth Goodson, pastor of First Methodist Church in Charlotte, will deliver the final inspirational service.

The devotionals during the convocation will be led by Rev. Charles Bowles, minister of West Market Street Methodist church, Greensboro, and Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford, Sr., Conference president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

As this program is planned for the benefit of students, President McLarty is very desirous that all students take advantage of this significant occasion and attend all services. President McLarty points—

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DR. JOHN BENNETT

Enrollment Is Now 407 Students At The College

As an item of interest, the enrollment of Brevard College has been commented on as much as the weather. There is a total of 407 students enrolled at Brevard College.

They are grouped as follows: 315 academic students and 92 special students. Of the 113 returning boarding students, there are 67 men, 46 women, and 23 day students, six of which are women. The resident freshman boys outnumber the freshman girls two to one, with 91 men and 60 women students. Even the new students almost followed the same percentage with 18 men to 10 women.

Although the dormitories are not filled to capacity, the college policy is emphasizing select students as their main concern.

Masquers Sponsor Show

The Masquers will sponsor the first talent show of the year on Saturday, October 19, at 8:00 in the main auditorium.

Persons desiring to participate are asked to contact Clara Pruett, Benny Martin, and—or Mr. McFadden. The date of audition will appear on the bulletin board in Dunham Hall.

If you can sing, dance, play a musical instrument, or give a dramatic or humorous reading, you are wanted for the show.

Wide Experience Is Noted In Varied Background. Ac- tive In Many Fields

Brevard College is privileged to have this year Dr. John Bennett of Greenville, North Carolina, serving as Dean of the College.

Mr. Bennett has been associate professor of Bible and Ethics and co-ordinator of religious activities at Eastern Carolina Teachers College at Greenville since 1954.

From 1948 to 1954 he was head of the department of Religion and philosophy at Mount Union College and from 1945 to 1948 he headed the department of Religion at Olivet College. For three years prior to that time he was associate professor of religion and philosophy at Emory and Henry College, and he was instructor in Bible and Religious Education at Brevard College from 1936 to 1939. He received his Ph.D. from Duke in 1942.

Dean Bennett has held offices in Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions clubs, as well as Parent-Teachers Associations. He was a former trustee of Stark County (Ohio) Mental Health center and is currently the college representative on a committee working with Pitt County Mental Health center.

Mr. Bennett is a lay speaker in the Methodist Church and is in great demand as speaker to civic and cultural groups.

On behalf of the student body, we the members of the Clarion staff welcome Dean and Mrs. Bennett and family to Brevard College.

Lyceum Program Given For The School Year

The Lyceum program this year has a big treat in store for all of us. The schedule is as follows:

November 22, 1957—Don Cossach Chorus.

February 11, 1958 — Dr. Robert Baker.

March 3, 1958 — Players Incorporated in a production of "Romeo and Juliet".

May 1, 1958 — Nelson and Neal.

The Don Cossach Chorus is a world renowned white Russian Men's chorus and dancers. They were organized in 1927 in Prague. Under the direction of Nicholas Kostrohoff; they made their first debut in Vienna in 1927. In 1938 they made their Canada debut. Their first appearance in the United States was in San Francisco in 1939, in Carnegie Hall in 1940. Their program will include Liturgical music and folk songs, Cossach melodies, battle songs and dances.

Dr. Robert Baker is a well known organ virtuoso. He was born in Pontiac, Illinois, attended Illinois Wesleyan University, and graduated in 1931 with a B. M. degree. He did post graduate work at Union Theological Seminary, where he acquired his M. S. degree in Sacred Music in 1944.

Nelson and Neal are America's most popular husband and wife duo piano team. They met and married in Philadelphia where both were studying at the famed Curtis Institute of Music.

All programs will be presented in the new auditorium in the Campus Center Building except Dr. Baker, which will be presented in the Brevard Methodist Church now under construction.



PROMINENT SPEAKERS for the Brevard College convocation service on October 17th and 18th are pictured above. From left to right, they are: Pres-

ident Emmett K. McLarty; Dr. Hollis Edens, president of Duke University; and Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, of the Charlotte area of the Methodist church.