



DR. F. THOMAS TROTTER



REV. ROBERT J. RALLS



JOHN W. MILLER

## Brevard College To Hold Commencement May 4th

Brevard, N. C. — Brevard College will have Commencement exercises on May 4th, according to an announcement by Dr. Robert A. Davis, President of the College, with speakers Dr. F. Thomas Trotter, General Secretary of the Board of Higher Education of The United States Methodist Church; The Reverend Robert J. Ralls, senior minister of the First United Methodist Church, Morganton, North Carolina; and Mr. John W. Miller, Assistant Vice President, Retail Credit Company, Atlanta, Georgia.

"I am pleased to announce that Dr. Trotter will be the principal speaker for the graduating exercises in Boshamer Gymnasium on Sunday afternoon, May 4th," President Davis said. The service is scheduled for 2 p.m.

Many activities are being planned for the commencement weekend. The Reverend Robert J. Ralls will give the Baccalaureate Sermon in The First United Methodist Church on Sunday, May 5th, at 11 a.m.

Reverend Ralls is the senior minister of First United Methodist Church in Morganton, N. C. Born in Greensboro, N. C., he graduated from Greensboro High School and received his A. B. degree from Guilford College where he was president of the Men's Student Government and was elected to Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges. His B. D. degree is from Duke Divinity School. Following graduation from Duke, he spent a year of Post Graduate Studies at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland.

Reverend Ralls has pastored St. Mark's Methodist Church, Belmont, N. C., West Bend Methodist Church, Asheboro, N. C., St. Andrews' Methodist Church, Charlotte, N. C., First Methodist, Waynesville, N. C., and Central Methodist Church, Mt. Airy, N. C.

He is a member of the Western North Carolina Conference Board of the Ministry, a member of the Methodist Board of Publication

and a trustee of The Methodist Children's Home.

He is married to the former Aileen Fox, of Inman, South Carolina, a graduate of Winthrop College with a major in Early Child Development.

The graduation exercises will be presided over by President Davis.

Dr. Trotter, the principal speaker, is a native of Los Angeles, California. He graduated from Huntington Park High School, and received his B. A. degree from Occidental College and his S. T. B. and Ph. D. degrees from Boston University. Occidental College honored him with the Doctor of Divinity degree.

He has served as ordained elder of the Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church; Protestant Chaplain of Boston University; founding pastor of Montclair (California) United Methodist Church; Lecturer, Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor, and Dean of the School of Theology at Claremont, California.

His Academic honors include: Liebman Scholar; Jefferson Fellow, Boston University; Dempster Fellow of The United Methodist Church; Kent Fellow of the Society for Religion in Higher Education; Edwards Fellow of the Society for Religion in Higher Education; and Distinguished Alumnus Award, Boston University.

He has served as member: Commission on Accrediting, American Association of Theological Schools; Membership on accrediting teams, North Central and Western Associations; member, A. A. T. S. committee on the Professional Doctorate; Advisory Committee on Campus Ministry, Danforth Foundation; member, American Academy of Religion, Society for Religion in Higher Education; lecturer, Oxford Methodist Theological Institute; Editor, Jesus and the Historian; and Trustees of The American University, Washington, D. C.,

Dillard University, New Orleans, La., Alaska Methodist University, Anchorage, Alaska and Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee.

He is listed in Who's Who, Who's Who in the West, Who's Who in Methodism, and the Dictionary of International Biography.

Dr. Trotter is married to the former Gania Demaree of Anaheim, California and they have three children.

Brevard High School Band will present a concert at 1:30 p.m. in Boshamer Gymnasium preceding the graduation exercises.

Saturday, May 3rd, the Alumni Luncheon will be held at 1 p.m. in A. G. Myers Dining Hall. Mr. John W. Miller, Assistant Vice President of Retail Credit Company of Atlanta, Georgia will be the speaker.

Mr. Miller and his wife, the former Ruth Waggoner, of Winston-Salem, are both graduates of Brevard College, and Mr. Miller has served as a Director of the Brevard College Alumni Association since its organization. They have two married sons and two grandchildren.

He is currently serving as Deputy Governor, Civitan International, North Georgia District, twice President of his Club, and was the recipient of the Civitan Leadership Award in 1973. He has served as a Director of Administrative Management Society, Atlanta Chapter; graduate of the American Management Association's Management School, New York City and is currently a member of Building Owners and Managers Association. He is an active member of St. James Methodist Church, Atlanta.

The Fine Arts Division will present a concert in Dunham Auditorium Saturday night 8:00 p.m. followed by a reception by Dr. and Mrs. Davis honoring the graduates and their parents.

## Spring Festival A Big Success

Brevard College celebrated the first touch of spring with the activities of the Spring Festival which was sponsored by Social Board on April 3-6.

The festival was ushered in with the performance of the Scarritt College Players in "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown." This musical adaptation of Charles Schultz's comic strip was both fast-moving and entertaining.

On Thursday the movie "American Graffiti" was shown in Dunham Auditorium. This movie, which deals with the antics of teenagers during the fifties, set the mood for the next event, a Sock Hop, in the gym on Saturday.

Everyone donned their long skirts, T-shirts, and bobby socks for the hop. With music provided by "Big WISE Sound Machine," students danced to the "gold ole rock-n-roll."

On Sunday the First Annual Brevard College Creek Jumping Contest was held. It was organized and emceed by Clint

Williams, and the official measurers were Wendy Wathall and Margo Powell. After a few "splashes" the winners of the trophies were announced. The winner was Paul Heilman, with second place going to John Gwynn, and third to Steve Holmes. Other participants were Bill Bartlett, Shintuck Thomas, Sean Diltz, Brad Gillespie, Mark Anderson, Glenn Hamrick, Ruffin Copeland, John Cecil, Heath Weldon, John Barrett, Frank Benso, Chip Gibson, Tim Jones, Jess Brown, Trey Boone, Rod Werthem, Mike Norman, and Clint Williams.

To top it all off a talent show was held in Dunham Auditorium at 4:00. The show started with the music of David Tedesco on piano, Mike David on guitar, Preston Woodruff on bass, and Kevin Dusenbury on drums. The next act was composed of Laura Funk and Melissa Pauley. They sang a few songs and Melissa accompanied on the piano. Next in the program was Jimmy Belk, Russell Briggs, Tim Austin, and Russell Copeland "a pickin' and a grinin'" to Blue Grass music. Cookie Easler, Cindy Johnson, and Karen Gosnell next performed some easy-listening songs. Then Kathleen McGuire and Jennifer Roberts topped off the program with a few numbers.

The Spring Festival was termed by many "a great success". Credit for the success must be given to the Social Board and its director Cindy Stiles for their excellent planning and hard work.



Sue Ellen Caldwell

## Sue Ellen Caldwell Wins Scholarship

Brevard, N. C. — Sue Ellen Caldwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl H. Caldwell of Route 1, Clyde, North Carolina, and a sophomore at Brevard College, Brevard, North Carolina, has won a two-year, full-tuition scholarship to Florida Atlantic University, an upper-division and graduate state university at Boca Raton, Florida. Miss Caldwell was in competition with applicants from other Phi Theta Kappa Chapters across the nation.

Florida Atlantic has long been interested in Phi Theta Kappa, the national scholarship honorary fraternity, for junior college students. Since 1971, they have made available a full-tuition scholarship to each chapter in the Florida community college. This year, for the first time, they have made such a scholarship available to one outstanding Phi Theta Kappa member from any chapter in the nation. It was awarded to Sue Ellen Caldwell at

the Awards Banquet of the fraternity's National Convention in Philadelphia on Friday, March 28th.

In order for Miss Caldwell to win, Delta Pi Chapter at Brevard College first had to nominate her for outstanding service to the chapter, the college, and the community. A letter of nomination, containing a resume of her service activities, was sent to the national office of Phi Theta Kappa together with a transcript of her high academic record. Her qualifications were judged along with nominations from those of the 500 or more chapters of Phi Theta Kappa in the country who chose to compete, and she was chosen the winner.

Miss Caldwell is an honor student, works full-time in the Brevard College library, and still finds time to be active in the fraternity, the college, and the town of Brevard. Her scholarship was richly deserved.