

Royster Memorial Offers Unique Health Service

The S. S. Royster Memorial infirmary and community health center now under way on Gardner-Webb campus will be completed by the middle of October and dedicated to the medical care of students and residents of the Gardner-Webb area.

The infirmary was provided through a fund started by the late Dr. S. S. Royster, for years a prominent North Carolina physician of Shelby. Dr. Royster's interest in Gardner-Webb College grew largely out of his close friendship with the late Ambassador O. Max Gardner. Dr. Royster died in July, 1948.

The infirmary, a one-story, T shaped building, is being erected on the north crest of the campus. It will contain 12 beds, offices for the college physician and nurses, x-ray equipment, diathermy facilities, and a small laboratory for diagnostic service which will be emphasized at the clinic. The health center will furnish 24-hour medical service and facilities for emergency cases, although it plans to send hospital and surgical cases to larger medical centers.

Through the Royster Memorial, the Gardner-Webb students will be given complete general physical examinations prior to school; diagnosis and care of illnesses; beds for isolation and care when too ill to attend classes; all first aid and minor surgery; senior college entrance medical examinations; annual blood tests and vaccinations; a health education program; and dental surgery and care.

Rural residents will be offered 24-hour medical service, with a doctor or graduate nurse on duty at all times. Dr. W. Ryan Washburn, college physician, is a General Practitioner whose services will be on the General Practice level. Through the community health center, the village doctor is able to give adequate rural medical care by use of the fluoroscope, a small x-ray machine, a laboratory for routine examinations, and a minimum of equipment for physical therapy, such as, infra red and ultra violet lights, and hot water baths.

Health films to cover personal hygiene, preventive medicine, physical training, and other medical-health subjects have already been booked for the health education program which will consist of home hygiene classes for selected students and residents of the community. Films are being obtained from the film libraries of the University of North Carolina, Harvard, Princeton, Columbia, and the University of Chicago.

This S. S. Royster Memorial infirmary is something new in junior college medical service, making Gardner-Webb the first junior college in North Carolina to have a health center of this type.

Six Months Construction Feat Set By Kitchens

By Ramona Cornwell

Gardner-Webb's new \$230,000, 100-man dormitory has been completed for the fall term. This is the first new building built for men since Gardner-Webb College was organized in 1905.

The new dorm was named recently in honor of the late J. W. "Decker" Gardner, son of the late Ambassador O. Max Gardner, when trustees accepted re-designation of a \$50,000 contribution by J. P. Stevens and Company and an additional gift of \$25,000 by friends and admirers of James Webb Gardner as initial steps toward lifting a \$150,000 debt from the newest campus structure. A campaign to raise a balance of \$150,000 will be waged throughout the area this fall.

The structure is situated on the south of the campus back of the old Huggins-Curtis Hall and faces the new first dormitory on the north campus. The fireproof structure, recently completed by the R. H. Pinckins Construction Company of Gastonia, will house classrooms, faculty offices, and seminars on the ground floor, sleeping quarters on the first and second floors, and quadroom overnight facilities for visiting athletic teams on the third-floor-attic. It is believed to be the first junior college dormitory in North Carolina to be equipped with

radiant heat, a heating system in the ceiling with no open radiator system.

In the first week of September, the first steps in the new dorm were under way, by the first week of September, keys were hung on every door of the radiantly heated dormitory. Behind this record is the story of a man who once studied to be a doctor, but found his talents more adapted to large-scale construction than to anatomy lectures and biology lab.

Little more than a decade ago, J. H. Kitchens, superintendent of construction for the new Gardner-Webb dorm and a native of Waynesboro, Ga., journey of a civil engineer who had a job for a man "down on his last nub."

Kitchens started his career in construction work in 1938 at 25 cents an hour or a \$100 a day if it rained, and from Augusta he went to Greensboro, N. C., as a roofer for a year and a half. From roofer the steps went to an instrument man, party chief, engineering and architectural drafting, and finally supervisory work, and all of it in a flat decade.

Convincing testimony of the Gardner-Webb construction miracle are the remarks made recently by three veteran construction men on the job, two skilled carpenters and the timekeeper. According to Joseph Green of Ellenboro, "I just knew the job couldn't be done by September when I first came with the outfit in May, but after working under Kitchens for a week, I began singing a different tune, darn if we ain't going to make it."

Johnnie Smith, youthful combination carpenter and labor foreman of Pembroke, was approached recently in the middle of a task by one of the men who gestured about rushing the job. "Rush, the dickens!" Smith exclaimed. "Tim burning my hammer heads off now—I've never seen such speed on a job since I've been in this trade."


And Earl Whisenant, the job's timekeeper of Morganton, stood in the doorway of the office-warehouse shed and said, "This shack has been at Gardner-Webb for two years, shifting from one building to another as they went up, but this is the first time materials have come and been used before they were half way stored. This beats all I've ever seen."

New Dean Of Women Arrives

Miss Willie Kate Baldwin of Laurens, S. C., has been named new Dean of Women of Gardner-Webb College, succeeding Mrs. G. W. Vick, Jr., for nine years women's dean on the campus.

Miss Baldwin, a graduate of Winthrop College, received her Master's degree in Religious Education at the W. M. U. Training School, Louisville, Kentucky. While in college, she held the Markley Lee Scholarship, and was the assistant to her major professor at Louisville during her senior year in Master's work. Dean Baldwin did Post Graduate work at Columbia University, where she was connected

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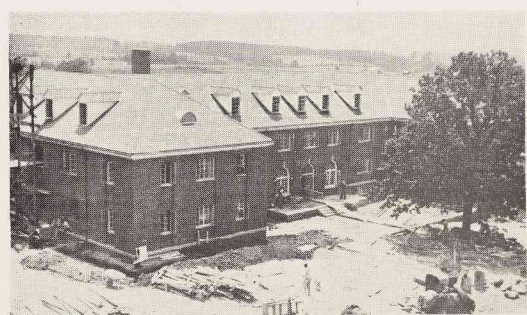
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